



## Legislation Text

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### *Department of Parks and Recreation*

**Reference:** Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to Adams County for an Amount Not to Exceed \$660,000.00 for the “BJAA (Brighton Japanese American Association) Park Improvements Project”; and to Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Grant Application.

**To:** Mayor Richard N. McLean and Members of City Council

**Through:** Clint Blackhurst, Acting City Manager  
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### **PURPOSE**

A Resolution authorizing the City of Brighton to submit to Adams County Open Space an Active Grant Application requesting grant funding in the amount not to exceed \$660,000.00 for the “BJAA (Brighton Japanese American Association) Park Improvements Project”; and to authorize the Acting City Manager to sign the grant application.

### **BACKGROUND**

The history of BJAA Park has echoed the history of the United States. In 1952 Japanese children were not allowed to play in the American Legion Pee Wee baseball league. The BJAA helped to organize a Japanese American Pee Wee league so that their children could play baseball. Sometime in 1953 the BJAA created a park at the corner of Longs Peak Street and North 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue with a ball diamond on it. The BJAA Park land, including the park amenities, was donated to the City of Brighton on July 11, 1973 by the Brighton Japanese American Association (BJAA) - that is 45 years in 2018.

BJAA Park is at a point of needing revitalization and enhancing the site. For this reason Brighton applied for and received an Adams County Open Space Passive Grant to fund the development of a Master Plan for the park. BJAA Park has never had a Master Plan. In 2017, the City has involved the Brighton Japanese American Association, adjacent neighbors, and Brighton residents in the Master Planning process. The Master Plan for BJAA Park will be completed in 2017. Brighton wants to start the construction of the park improvements in early 2018, since that is the year of the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of BJAA Park being donated to the City.

The total cost for the “BJAA Park Improvements Project” is estimated at \$1,200,000.00. This Adams County Grant Application project is the combination of both this grant request and City’s matching funds. This Adams County Open Space Active Grant Application funding request of \$660,000.00 (55% of total) will match to the City’s cash match of \$540,000.00 (45% of total). The City will budget this cash match in the 2018 Recreation Capital Fund.

In order to receive the Adams County Open Space Active Grant monies, the attached Resolution must be approved by City Council so that the City can submit this Grant Application. The Resolution authorizes the

City to apply for Adams County Open Space Grant funding through the Active Grant Application, and authorizes the Acting City Manager to sign the Grant Application. The City Attorney has reviewed the Resolution.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Awarded Adams County Open Space Active Grant Application funds of \$660,000.00 will be used for the "BJAA Park improvements Project". The City will budget a match of \$540,000.00 in the 2018 Recreation Capital Budget. The total project is \$1,200,000.00.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council approve the Resolution authorizing Staff to submit an Adams County Open Space Active Grant Application requesting grant funding in an amount not to exceed \$660,000.00 for the "BJAA (Brighton Japanese American Association) Park Improvements Project"; and authorizing the City Manager to sign the Grant Application.

#### **OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION**

- Approve the Resolution, or
- Deny the Resolution.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution.