

RESOLUTION 2016-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE FRUITA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A CONNECT INITIATIVE GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE KOKOPELLI SECTION OF THE COLORADO RIVERFRONT TRAIL

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita supports the Great Outdoors Colorado Grant Application for the construction of the Kokopelli Section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail; and

WHEREAS, John Hickenlooper, Governor of Colorado, has designated the Colorado Riverfront Trail as Colorado the Beautiful, 16 in 2016 Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Monument View section of the Riverfront Trail was opened in September of 2014 connecting the communities of Fruita and Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita is completing the Little Sash Wash Trail an important connector for the community and eastern terminus of the future Kokopelli Section of the Colorado Riverfront Trail; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita recognizes that opening of the Monument View section and the Little Salt Wash Trail have created great momentum for additional trail connectivity in the Lower Valley; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Kokopelli Section will connect the communities of Fruita with Loma; and

WHEREAS, the development of the Kokopelli Section will connect Fruita with hundreds of thousands of acres of McInnis Canyon National Conservation Area, and

WHEREAS, Fruita citizens and visitors will have non-vehicular/non motorized access to these vast parklands, including the Kokopelli Trail system which travels 120 miles from Loma to Moab, Utah; and

WHEREAS, developing trail is an effort to become the trails capital of the world, identified as a goal in 2014 by City Council, and

WHEREAS, providing connectivity of trails inside and outside the city is critical; and

WHEREAS, this trail section is identified in the City of Fruita's Parks, Open Space and Trails Master Plan as a high priority; and

WHEREAS, the Riverfront Foundation has pledged \$160,000 to be used as grant match towards in conjunction along with funds allocated by the City of Fruita, and

WHEREAS, the City of Fruita is requesting \$2,000,000 from Great Outdoors Colorado, to construct the Kokopelli Trail section of the Riverfront Trail; and

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE FRUITA COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1: The City Council of the City of Fruita strongly supports the application and has appropriated matching funds for a grant with Great Outdoors Colorado.

Section 2: If the grant is awarded, the City Council of the City of Fruita strongly supports the completion of the project.

Section 3: The City Council of the City of Fruita authorizes the expenditure of funds necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded.

Section 4: The project site is owned by City of Fruita and will be owned by City of Fruita for the next 25 years.

Section 5: The City Council of the City of Fruita will continue to maintain the Kokopelli Trail section in a high quality condition and will appropriate funds for maintenance in its annual budget.

Section 6: If the grant is awarded, the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to sign the grant agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado.

Section 7: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRUITA,
COLORADO THIS 5th DAY OF JULY, 2016.**

ATTEST:

CITY OF FRUITA

Margaret Steelman, City Clerk

Lori Buck, Mayor