

RESOLUTION NO. 9351

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH POLICY FOR CRITERIA ON CITY ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls is frequently asked for assistance in developing partnerships for community projects and amenities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls has financial limitations that preclude simply allowing financing, building, and operating major community amenity projects using City resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls has in the past partnered with community organizations for amenities, to include: Great Falls Baseball Club, River's Edge Trail, the Children's Museum, and the Veteran's Memorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls wishes to adopt a formal policy outlining criteria for participation in community projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Great Falls shall evaluate the following guidelines in determining its level of participation:

- Eligible projects must have an established organization set up as a 501(c)(3) with a charter and by-laws or some other appropriate structure; and
- The requesting organization must have a recognized leadership structure and spokesperson(s); and
- A coherent and realistic vision of what the organization wants to do is a basic requirement, not relying on the City of Great Falls to define or complete the vision; and
- A strong component of cost sharing is a requirement for any project to be considered as well as identifying fundraising structure and strategies; and
- An overall financial plan including the extent of requested City involvement must be identified; and
- Present and future costs must be identified and estimated; and
- Location of the amenity must be identified along with an acquisition plan.

WHEREAS, although the above-outlined guidelines set the standard for City of Great Falls participation in amenity projects, the City Commission still may not elect to participate in every project given the severe limitation of funds and other factors; and

WHEREAS, when the City of Great Falls determines whether or not a community project should be a municipal service, the following guidelines will be considered:

- Potential number of users served
- Cost to the City of Great Falls
- Availability of resources including staff
- Risk, as measured by project complexity, consequences of failure
- Overall need priority compared to competing projects

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA:

That the guidelines listed above and hereby approved and adopted.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on this 4th day of November, 2003.

Randall H. Gray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn Broquist, Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL OF CITY)

Approved for legal content: City Attorney

State of Montana)
County of Cascade :ss
City of Great Falls)

I, Carolyn Broquist, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 9351 was placed on its final passage by the Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, at a meeting thereof held on the 4th day of November, 2003, and approved by the Mayor of said City on the 4th day of November, 2003.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of said City this 4th day of November, 2003.

(SEAL OF CITY)

Carolyn Broquist, Deputy City Clerk