

STAFF MEMO

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING: JUNE 12, 2023 / AGENDA ITEM NO. 10

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kit Newland, Director of Community Resources, 303-987-7822

Subject: **APPROVING NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL USE RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO MUNITION REMEDIATION AT WILLIAM F. HAYDEN PARK**

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Community Resources Department respectfully requests that the City Council authorize the City Manager to approve the Notice of Environmental Use Restrictions, in relation to the munition remediation efforts at William F. Hayden Park.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Camp George West is located near the junction of W. Colfax Avenue and I-70, three miles east of the City of Golden, Colorado. It was founded in 1903 as the Colorado Army National Guard's permanent rifle range and training facility. During the 1930s, the National Guard reportedly leased a portion Green Mountain for use as an artillery impact area for rounds fired from Camp George West. The specific area of the impact and military munitions debris indicated that the historic impact area is on the northeast side of William F. Hayden Park. Remediation of munition debris began in 2020, after careful planning and extensive public engagement, with planning for future remediation underway. It is currently anticipated that additional remediation will begin again in late 2023.

BUDGETARY IMPACTS: There are no budgetary impacts anticipated with the approval of this Resolution.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2023-35 regarding Notice of Environmental Use Restrictions on William F. Hayden Park on Green Mountain.

ALTERNATIVES: City Council could deny approval, which could delay the ability of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the United States Army National Guard to continue their munition remediation efforts at William F. Hayden Park, resulting in citizen concern and increased potential risk in not following the use restrictions.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: Notification has been made through the City Council agenda process, and independently through the CDPHE. Once the agreement is in place, public notification will also be provided through the City of Lakewood and the CDPHE communication channels, as plans for future remediation activities progress.

NEXT STEPS: Upon approval, the City Manager will execute the Notice of Environmental Use Restrictions and forward to CDPHE for their approval. The use of the land will then be subject to the use restrictions as set forth in the Notice.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 2023-35
PowerPoint Presentation

REVIEWED BY: Kathleen E. Hodgson, City Manager
Benjamin B. Goldstein, Deputy City Manager
Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney