

RESOLUTION NO. 15

SERIES 2009

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPANSION OF ARTS FACILITIES IN THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, AND EXPRESSING CONDITIONS FOR THE REALIZATION OF SUCH EXPANSION

WHEREAS, the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado (the "**Town**") is a home rule municipality, duly and regularly organized and now validly existing as a body corporate and politic under and by virtue of the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado;

WHEREAS, Section 4.7 of the Crested Butte Town Charter provides that the Council may act, other than legislatively, by resolution;

WHEREAS, there is a desire for expanded arts facilities in Crested Butte, which facilities should be sufficient to accommodate, among other things, performance theaters, outdoor concert space, multipurpose community space, visual arts workshop and display space, office and administrative space and support space;

WHEREAS, in 2006, by Resolution No. 5 (the "**2006 Resolution**"), the Town Council expressed its support for such expansion, provided that financial viability, scale and architecture within the unique context of Crested Butte, impacts of traffic and parking, availability of facilities to pedestrian and transit access, and the conservation of existing community facilities and amenities are addressed to the satisfaction of the Town; and

WHEREAS, in the 2006 Resolution, the Town Council found that the Gothic Field softball field has limitations, based on its size, for use as a softball field, which use will become untenable with the planned "Sixth Street Development Project," and thus will no longer be a viable location for use as a softball field;

WHEREAS, the Town Council, based on Staff recommendations and community input, now finds that the continued use of the Gothic Field softball field can viable, and should be continued, even in light of the planned Sixth Street Development Project; and

WHEREAS, in response to broad community support, the Town Council agrees that only one site is deemed appropriate at this time for the expansion of the arts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, THAT one area of public property is appropriate at this time for the expansion of arts facilities in Crested Butte, that area being the existing Center for the Arts location bounded by Sixth Street on the west, Seventh Street on the east, the soccer field on the south and the pedestrian way adjacent to Pitsker Field on the north; and, the Town Council also finds that such expansion is in the best interest of the Town subject to the following:

- (1) A business plan, reviewed by an independent entity, is created showing any

expansion to be feasible and financially sound so as not to become a financial burden to the Town and its citizens. An adequate endowment shall be in place to assure the ongoing financial operating viability of the facilities. Revenues and ticket prices should be affordable and within reach of all members of the community. Facilities should be phased in to reasonably accomplish the above standards.

(2) Any planned facilities shall be designed in a manner so as to be sensitive to the scale, historic context, aesthetics and community values of Crested Butte. The design shall include adequate parking to address the parking demands of the facilities without impacting residential neighborhoods. The facilities shall be readily accessible to transit, pedestrians, bikes and disabled users, and designed to minimize the ongoing energy cost of the facilities.

(3) Any community facilities displaced by new or expanded arts facilities shall be replaced in a new appropriate location.

(4) The public shall have the opportunity to comment on the allocation of public property, the design of the facilities and their impacts on the community.

(5) The maintenance of the green space along Sixth Street from the south entrance to Town to Butte Avenue shall be a strong consideration as plans are developed.

(6) When new facilities are planned, the existing adjacent uses shall be considered to avoid conflicts.

(7) The soccer field shall continue to be the outdoor seating area for the outdoor stage of the current Center for the Arts.

(8) Other existing and planned peripheral sites shall be considered as options for arts facilities, particularly for the multi-use and visual arts spaces, as opportunities present themselves. The goal shall be to more efficiently utilize existing and planned facilities and thereby reduce or share the costs of construction and operation.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED UPON THIS FIRST READING, THIS 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: _____

Alan Bernholtz
Alan Bernholtz, Mayor

**ATTEST: Eileen Hughes, Town Clerk
(SEAL)**

