

APPLICANT INFORMATION (ELIGIBLE ENTITY)

Name: Town of Crested Butte		
Mailing Address: Po Box 39, Crested Butte, CO 81224		
Applicant Contact Name: Janna Hansen		Title: Parks and Recreation Director
Telephone: 970-349-5338	Email: jhansen@crestedbutte-co.gov	Are you the Primary Contact? Yes
DO you currently have an open GOCO grant? If yes, please provide grant number(s): NO REQUIRED: Contact GOCO staff prior to completion of application		

PARTNER INFORMATION (IF APPLICABLE)

Name: Center for the Arts		
Mailing Address: PO Box 1819, Crested Butte, CO 81224		
Partner Contact: Jenny Birnie		Title: Executive Director
Telephone: 970-349-7487 x2	Email: jenny@crestedbuttearts.org	Are you the Primary Contact? No

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Town Park Playground Renovation Project	
Grant Request (\$350,000 max.): \$349,241.00	Total Project Cost: \$552,307.80
Percent of overall match (% of total project cost): 37%	Percent of Cash match (% of total project cost): 27%
County of Service: Gunnison	City (please include cross streets): Crested Butte, Whiterock Ave. and 7 th St.
Brief Project Description (In 100 words or less), describe the proposed project and how it will benefit your community: The Town of Crested Butte, in partnership with the Center for the Arts and the Center for Historic Shipwreck Preservation will renovate the Mary Yelenick Playground in Town Park and create an authentic pirate themed playground. The Pirate Shipwreck playground design is based upon the “Whydah”, a real pirate ship that sank in 1717. Crewed by many Crested Butte residents, Expedition Whydah located and excavated the first ever documented pirate shipwreck. With an emphasis on authenticity and scientific discovery, the features of the new playground are designed to inspire Crested Butte youth to believe in their own ability to explore.	

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please upload all attachments to the GOCO application portal at <http://tinyurl.com/GOCOGranteePortal>

All application attachment samples and templates can be found at goco.org/LPORapply

- Signed Resolution from Governing Body
- Draft Intergovernmental Agreement, or other contract with the project partner or a signed letter of support from project partner (if necessary)
- Completed Environmental Checklist (updated version)
- Budget Form (letters from cash contributing sponsors to verify funding are recommended)
- Preliminary Timeline Estimate
- Response to Selection Criteria Narrative Questions
(responses **may not exceed 9 pages**)
- Attachments to Selection Criteria Narrative:
 - Letters of support (immediately following the Selection Criteria Narrative) – **must be submitted with application, do not mail to GOCO**
 - Map(s) identifying the project location (Using Google Earth or Google Maps)
 - Site map
 - Site Photos
 - Local youth or Youth Corps support letter/email
 - Documentation of any opposition to the project, if applicable

By signing below, the applicant certifies that it owns, leases, or otherwise has control over the property on which this project will be completed (collectively, "Control") (or is applying on behalf of an entity that has such Control). Applicant has on file documentation evidencing its Control of the property and will provide such documentation to GOCO on request.

Authorized Signature:  Date: 11/16/2016

(From applicant organization)

Printed Name and Title: Dara MacDonald, Town Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 36

SERIES 2016

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CRESTED BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL APPROPRIATING MATCHING FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000.00 FOR THE LOCAL PARK AND OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT APPLICATION WITH GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE GRANT APPLICATION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

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, the State Board of Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) has a matching Local Park and Outdoor Recreation ("**LPOR**") grant fund for the provision of funds to the Town for the renovation of the Town Park playground;

WHEREAS, the Town staff has recommended that the Town apply with GOCO for \$350,000.00 in LPOR matching grants funds in order to renovate the Mary Yelenick playground located in Town Park;

WHEREAS, in addition to applying with GOCO for said matching funds, the Town staff has recommended to the Town Council that it appropriate the Town's share of matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, plus provide additional in-kind services for the renovation of the Mary Yelenick playground;

WHEREAS, the Town contracted with Mundus Bishop Design, Inc. to conduct public meetings and solicited design input from community youth from the Crested Butte Community School on September 12 and 29, 2016 to incorporate the community's desires into the proposed playground renovation;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 4, Series 2015, the proposed renovation replaces all playground spaces with the proposed Center for the Arts expansion and meets the Town's requirements with the proposed design for the playground; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to apply with GOCO for the LPOR matching grant funds and appropriate the Town's share of matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and provide additional in-kind services; and, accordingly, hereby instructs the Town staff to so apply for the GOCO LPOR matching grant funds and hereby appropriates \$100,000.00 and authorizes the provision of in-kind services, the Town Council finding that renovating Town Park playground is in the best interest of the health and welfare of the Town, its residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO, THAT:

1. **Findings; Application; Direction.** In addition to the findings set forth in the recitals above, which such findings shall be deemed material terms hereof and are hereby incorporated herein, the Town Council hereby directs the Town staff to apply with GOCO for the LPOR matching grant funds and hereby appropriates the Town's share of matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 and authorizes the provision of in-kind services for the renovation of the Town Park playground all of such actions being in the best interest of the health and welfare of the Crested Butte, its residents and visitors.

2. **Authorization of Town Manager.** The Town Council hereby authorizes the Town Manager to enter into any and all agreements as shall be approved by the Town Attorney to accomplish such transactions.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL THIS 17th DAY OF October, 2016.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: Glenn Michel
Glenn Michel, Mayor

ATTEST

Lynelle Stanford
Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

(SEAL)





October 31, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado
Attn: Jake Houston, Local Park and Outdoor Recreation Grant Manager
1900 Grant St., Suite 725
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Houston,

The Center for the Arts (the Center) strongly supports the Town of Crested Butte's grant application for the Crested Butte Town Park Playground Renovation Project and has dedicated over \$47,000.00 as a cash match for this project.

The Center for the Arts is located in the heart of Town Park adjacent to the Mary Yelenick Playground. The Town owns the land and the building and our use of the facility is permitted through a 100 year lease. The Center for the Arts was born in 1987 when the old county road maintenance garage was renovated in Town Park. For 30 years the Town and the Center have enjoyed a collaborative and supportive relationship. The Center is committed to a partnership with the Town to see the Playground Renovation Project come to fruition.

After more than ten years of planning, the Town granted permission to the Center to expand our facilities in Town Park. The resolution of support for this project mandates that the Mary Yelenick Playground be renovated during this project. The adjacency of the Yelenick Playground to the Center and the shared courtyard space makes this playground an integral part of the Center for the Arts experience. The Center holds many outdoor events, and tens of thousands of people gather in Town Park every Monday night throughout the summer to enjoy free "Alpenglow" concerts hosted there. Parents enjoy live music while children frolic at the Yelenick playground. Alpenglow is a hallmark event for the Town of Crested Butte and it would not have the same family friendly feel without the proximate access to the Yelenick Playground.

The Center is dedicated to creating a synergistic relationship between the updated Center for the Arts facility and Town Park. The building design integrates indoor/outdoor spaces and includes sculpture gardens and an artistic plan that seamlessly assimilates the facility into the park context. The Center has worked tirelessly to champion a community fundraising effort to build a new facility, and without GOCO funding we would have to fundraise an additional \$350,000.00 to renovate the Yelenick Playground. We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Town on this GOCO grant application. I am hopeful that this project will be funded and thus help us on our way to building a flagship of arts and recreation converging in our beautiful state of Colorado.

With gratitude,



Jenny Birnie, Executive Director
Center for the Arts
PO Box 1819
Crested Butte, CO 81224

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November 16, 2016

Great Outdoors
Colorado
Attn: Jake Houston, Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grant
1900
Grant St., Suite 725
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Houston,

Please accept this letter of support for The Town of Crested Butte's Grant Application for the Crested Butte Town Park Playground Renovation Project. The Center for Historic Shipwreck Preservation, Inc. has partnered with the Town to provide authentic pirate historical elements to the playground design.

When I heard about Pirate Park taking the form of a shipwreck, I immediately offered my companies services to help bring a level of authenticity and education to the proposed design.

CHSP is world renowned in the fields of shipwreck research, discovery and preservation. We have discovered shipwrecks around the world including the first authenticated pirate shipwreck, Whydah Galley. Our two museums were developed in partnership with National Geographic and our work has been featured on the cover of the New York Times, Smithsonian Magazine, National Geographic Magazine and countless other publications. The exhibition "Real Pirates" was received with praise while at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science for six months.

In support of our community I intend to work closely with the Town to provide historical authenticity, real artifacts such as cannon, anchors, doubloons and other moldable forms as well as signage and graphics to help create a fun and educational experience for the kids. The historical elements we plan to provide are one of a kind and invaluable.

Pirate history, ocean studies and archaeology are fascinating subjects that capture the imagination and I am excited to move forward.

Sincerely,

Brandon Clifford
Director, Center for Historic Shipwreck Preservation

Section 5 – Application – Environmental Checklist

The applicant is responsible for addressing any environmental impacts associated with the project, including: securing all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, or federal law. Please fill out the table below and associated narratives. Consultation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) local District Wildlife Manager and biological staff is required if the project is expected to have impacts on wildlife, sensitive wildlife habitats and/or lies within 200 feet of any aquatic landscape.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS Indicate potential for adverse impacts	NOT APPLICABLE Resource does not exist	NEGLIGIBLE IMPACTS Exists but no or negligible impacts	MINOR IMPACTS	IMPACTS EXCEED MINOR	MORE DATA NEEDED TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF IMPACT
1. Plant/animal/fish species of special concern and habitat; state/federal listed or proposed for listing*	X				
2. Unique or important wildlife habitat – ie: migration corridor, winter range, reproductive considerations	X				
3. Unique or important aquatic habitat – ie: fish passage	X				
4. Water quality/quantity – surface and ground water considerations		X			
5. Stream flow characteristics	X				
6. River corridors/lakes/ponds/ seasonal water ways**	X				
7. Wetlands/floodplains	X				
8. Storm water runoff		X			
9. Sedimentation	X				
10. Disturbances to neighboring properties	X				
11. Soil/erosion	X				
12. Introduction or promotion of non-native species	X				
13. Environmental disturbances during construction	X				
*If the proposed project affects threatened or endangered species or critical habitat listed at the federal or state level, concurrence with a CPW wildlife manager or biologist is required prior to the submission of this application					
**If the proposed project lies within 200 feet of a stream, river, lake, pond, seasonal stream or reservoir, concurrence with a CPW aquatic biologist is required prior to the submission of this application					

MITIGATION: Please describe how any impacts exceeding negligible will be mitigated, some considerations below:

- Alternative design or trail route system
- Screening of users from wildlife area, protection of critical habitat, channeling use through less sensitive habitat areas
- Re-vegetation of disturbed areas and control of invasive species
- Management of users and related activities with signs, fencing, and education programs
- Consideration of runoff when selecting project materials, such as uncured concrete that would encourage seepage
- Comprehensive storm water runoff plan

Section 5 – Application – Environmental Checklist

BENEFIT: Please describe if the project will have a positive impact on wildlife and/or sensitive species; some consideration below:

- Habitat improvement such as restoration of native habitat, wetlands restoration, erosion reduction, sediment reduction, river corridor clean-up, or plantings with a diversity of species and plant types for habitat restoration, and the reduction or elimination of non-native plant species
- Education of users through environmental education programs, opportunities for “watchable wildlife,” and wildlife impact monitoring

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: The applicant is responsible for adhering to all applicable environmental compliance regulations including: Migratory Bird Treaty Act; concurrence with US Fish and Wildlife Service if any federally listed species of concern exist in project area; Clean Water Act section 404; US Army Corps of Engineers 404 permits; raptor buffer guidelines and incorporation of CPW recommended wildlife best management practices; CO Senate Bill 40 (33-5-101-107, CRS 1973 as amended); Colorado Historical, Prehistoric and Archeological Resources Act

Town of Crested Butte

Printed name of applicant:



Signature of applicant

Date

11/19/16

CHRIS PALMETER

DISTRICT WILDLIFE MANAGER

Printed name, title of authority:



Signature authority:

Date

11/14/16

Town of Crested Butte - Town Park Playground Renovation Project Budget

	Source of Funds	Date Secured		GOCO Grant Request	Applicant Match (\$)	Partner Match (\$)	Total Funding (\$)
CASH							
	Great Outdoors Colorado	TBD		\$349,241.00			\$349,241.00
	Town of Crested Butte	Oct-16			100,000.00		\$100,000.00
	Center for the Arts	Jul-15				47,264.00	\$47,264.00
	Gunnison County Met Rec District	Oct-16				1,000.00	\$1,000.00
IN-KIND						48,264.00	\$497,505.00
	Town of Crested Butte				\$37,250.00		\$37,250.00
	ID Sculpture (20% discount on MSRP)					17,552.80	\$17,552.80
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS				\$349,241.00	\$137,250.00	\$65,816.80	\$552,307.80
	Use of Funds	Number of Units	Cost Per Unit	GOCO Funds	Applicant Funds	Partner Funds	Total Funding (\$)
Design							
<i>Mundus Bishop</i>	Park Planning Process and Schematic Design	1	22,164.00		10,000.00	12,164.00	\$22,164.00
<i>TBD</i>	Final Design and Engineering	1	40,000.00		40,000.00		\$40,000.00
Construction Management							
<i>TBD</i>	Contractor General Conditions/Mobilization	1	50,000.00		50,000.00		\$50,000.00
Demolition							
<i>TBD</i>	R&D Concrete, Asphalt	2300	5.00			11,500.00	\$11,500.00
<i>TBD</i>	R&D Play Equipment, Site Furnishings	1	5,000.00			5,000.00	\$5,000.00
<i>TBD</i>	Salvage & relocate Yelenick sign and plaque	1	500.00			500.00	\$500.00
Playground Infrastructure							
<i>TBD</i>	Basketball court - concrete	2100	10.00	21,000.00			\$21,000.00
<i>TBD</i>	Concrete Paving (5" depth)	3400	8.00	27,200.00			\$27,200.00
<i>TBD</i>	Concrete Stair	24	85.00	2,040.00			\$2,040.00
<i>TBD</i>	Hand Rail	20	100.00	2,000.00			\$2,000.00
<i>TBD</i>	Concrete Curb	250	25.00	6,250.00			\$6,250.00
<i>TBD</i>	Rock Retaining Wall	175	125.00	21,875.00			\$21,875.00
<i>TBD</i>	Engineered Wood Fiber	1200	3.00	3,600.00			\$3,600.00
<i>TBD</i>	Resilient Surfacing (PIP)	3100	18.00	55,800.00			\$55,800.00
<i>TBD</i>	Resilient Surfacing Testing	1	2,500.00	2,500.00			\$2,500.00
<i>TBD</i>	Sand Fill	14	35.00	490.00			\$490.00
<i>TBD</i>	Underdrain Pipe	400	8.00	3,200.00			\$3,200.00

Playground Equipment							
TBD	Swings - tot x 2, belt x 2	1	5,200.00	5,200.00			\$5,200.00
TBD	Custom Pirate Shipwreck with Crow's Nest - 5-12	1	47,000.00	47,000.00			\$47,000.00
TBD	Shipwreck hull (20% Discount)	1	16,000.00	12,800.00			\$12,800.00
TBD	Cannon Pile (20% Discount)	1	14,364.00	11,491.00			\$11,491.00
TBD	Cave Rock (granite - 20% Discount)	1	11,200.00	8,960.00			\$8,960.00
TBD	Timber! (20% Discount)	1	22,000.00	17,600.00			\$17,600.00
TBD	Stepping Form-small (20% Discount)	5	400.00	1,600.00			\$1,600.00
TBD	Stepping Form-med (20% Discount)	5	600.00	2,400.00			\$2,400.00
TBD	Installation (GFRC components - 20% Discount)	1	11,500.00	9,200.00			\$9,200.00
TBD	Archaeological Sand Play 2-5 (20% Discount)	1	7,700.00	6,160.00			\$6,160.00
TBD	Little Shipwreck Play - 2-5 (20% Discount)	1	18,000.00	18,000.00			\$18,000.00
Landscape							
TBD	Irrigation Renovation at Playground	4000	1.00	4,000.00			\$4,000.00
TBD	Topsoil (strip/stockpile/spread), Soil Prep	200	10.00		2,000.00		\$2,000.00
TBD	Turf	4200	1.50	6,300.00			\$6,300.00
TBD	2" cal. Tree	25	375.00	9,375.00			\$9,375.00
TBD	Shrubs and perennials	3800	6.00	22,800.00			\$22,800.00
TBD	Landscape Boulder (24 boulders will be in-kind)	38.00	500.00	7,000.00			\$7,000.00
Site Furnishings							
TBD	Interpretive Sign	1	3,000.00	3,000.00			\$3,000.00
TBD	Bike racks	19	900.00		17,100.00		\$17,100.00
TBD	Benches	3	1,000.00	3,000.00			\$3,000.00
TBD	Trash receptacle	2	500.00	1,000.00			\$1,000.00
TBD	Picnic table	1	1,000.00	1,000.00			\$1,000.00
TBD	Hammocks	3	1,800.00	5,400.00			\$5,400.00
USE OF FUNDS - CASH SUBTOTAL				\$349,241.00	\$100,000.00	\$48,264.00	\$497,505.00
IN-KIND	Use of Funds	No. of Units / Hours / Acres	Cost Per Unit / Hour / Acre	GOCO Funds	Applicant Funds	Partner Funds	Total Funding (\$)
<i>Town of Crested Butte</i>	R&D Sand Surfacing	9,500.00	2.00		19,000.00		\$19,000.00
	Landscape Boulder	24.00	\$ 500.00		12,000.00		\$12,000.00
	Final Grading	250.00	25.00		6,250.00		\$6,250.00
<i>ID Sculpture</i>	20% Discount on GFRC playground equipment	87,764.00	0.20			17,552.80	\$17,552.80
USE OF FUNDS - IN-KIND SUBTOTAL				\$0.00	\$37,250.00	\$17,552.80	\$54,802.80
10% Contingency (not required)							\$0.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST				\$349,241.00	\$137,250.00	\$65,816.80	\$552,307.80

Remember: the Total Project Cost row must equal the Total Source of Funds row above



Great Outdoors Colorado

November 15, 2016

Attn: Jake Houston, Local Park and Outdoor Recreation Grant Manager
1900 Grant St., Suite 725
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Houston,

Please accept this letter of support for the Town of Crested Butte's grant application for the Crested Butte Town Park Playground Renovation Project. In support of this project, ID Sculpture is committing an in-kind contribution, in the form of a 20% discount, off Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) on all ID Sculpture products. Based on the current schematic design, the value of this in-kind contribution is \$17,552.80.

ID Sculpture designs and manufactures custom playground equipment for projects throughout the United States. As playground professionals, we rarely have the opportunity to work on a project our own children will enjoy. As residents of the Town of Crested Butte and Gunnison County, Town Park is a much loved part of our own community. We truly understand the user groups, context and significance of Town Park.

The theme of the playground and partnership with *Expedition Whydah* and the *Center for Historic Shipwreck Preservation* gives the project a special significance. As a former member of the Expedition Whydah crew for 6 years, I experienced first-hand discovery and adventure. My hope is that this playground will be an inspiration for the children in my own community to do the same.

As an active member of the Crested Butte community, I know that reconstruction of the Town Park Playground has broad support. As one of two playgrounds in the entire town, Town Park is a critical resource for community gatherings, play and learning. I look forward to seeing its 30-year history of imaginative play continue on and urge you to support the Town of Crested Butte's application.

Best Regards,

Andris Zobs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andris Zobs", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Owner and Principal
ID Sculpture



Cultivating cooperative partnerships to enhance recreation, arts and culture in our communities

October 31, 2016

Janna Hansen
Park & Recreation Director
Town of Crested Butte
Post Office Box 39
Crested Butte, CO 81224-0039

Dear Janna,

At the October 24th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District, the Board viewed your request for support for the Town of Crested Butte's grant application to Great Outdoors Colorado for the Town Park Playground Renovation Project. Although this request is outside of a MetRec grant cycle, the Board felt that supporting this project was important enough to pledge \$1000.00 toward the project from the upcoming 2017 fiscal year. Enclosed is a letter of support addressed to GOCO for your grant submission.

The \$1000 grant is awarded with the following conditions:

- Grant funds will be awarded only upon successful award of a GOCO grant
- Payment of the grant amount shall be done in 2017
- Funds must be used for construction of the park project only
- Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District may require some documentation of the completed project for its records

Please let me know if you have any questions about the grant and good luck with the GOCO grant.

Sincerely yours,

David Clayton
President,
Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District Board of Directors

cc: Losi Patin, District Manager, GCMRD

APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

1. YOUR COMMUNITY: (10 pts.) *Introduce the community this project will serve. Highlight any underserved populations that this project is intended to serve. Discuss the recreational interests of your community, how does this project tie in to those?*

Nesteled at 9000' in the heart of the West Elk Mountains, the Town of Crested Butte (Town) was born as a mining town. Now home to 1500 residents, this town with a funky, fun, celebratory spirit serves over 5000 residents of the Upper East River Valley and tens of thousands of visitors each year. People are drawn to Crested Butte for the recreational opportunities, breathtaking views, and artistic culture of the Town. Residents take pride in the Town's status as Wildflower Capital of Colorado, a National Historic District, and a Colorado Creative District. Although the community is small, the recreational opportunities are tremendous. With more than 80% of land in Gunnison County publicly owned, the people who choose to live here put a high value on healthy, active lifestyles, and a high quality of life. Residents enjoy the recreational opportunities that are inherent in a mountain lifestyle; skiing, biking, hiking, boating, fishing, adventuring, and generally being outdoors. Residents also highly value team sports and community activities. At a size of only one square mile and boasting 10 parks, it is apparent that parks are a priority for our community.

Crested Butte is home to more than 60 one of a kind special events and festivals. The unique quality of these events are a defining characteristic of the Town. Many of these events occur in Town Park. The economy of the Town relies upon tourism and many residents must work multiple jobs to make ends meet. Town Park and the events and amenities available there provide opportunities for many free recreational and arts events for the community. Although Town Park has a multitude of amenities, programs and events that bring people there, the primary draw for children is the Mary Yelenick Playground (Playground). The special events, softball, and soccer games wouldn't be the same family experience without the Playground. The Town Park Playground Renovation Project will continue to provide local and visiting children alike with the opportunity to run, play, climb, imagine, and engage with one another, the natural environment, and the park.

Who are the existing and/or expected users of the proposed project - individuals, organized sports leagues and teams, school and youth groups, etc. the project will benefit?

Home to the Playground and Pavilion, Old Town Soccer Field, Pitsker Softball Field, the Center for the Arts (CFA), horse shoe pits, basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts; Town Park is the largest and most heavily utilized park in Town. With the Crested Butte Community School (CBCS) located just 800 feet away, the 700 students there use Town Park for many school based and extracurricular activities. The Center for the Arts, located in the heart of Town Park, hosts over 650 events annually serving over 40,000 patrons. The largest of these events is Alpenglow, a free outdoor concert series serving over 8000 people a summer (see attached "Alpenglow" photo). Parents enjoy live music while kids romp at the Playground. U10 and under soccer, baseball and flag football programs offered through both the Town's Parks and Recreation Department and West Elk Soccer Association (WESA) occur at Town Park. Players and siblings alike entertain themselves at the Playground daily during the sports season. Children of adult softball players frolic at the Playground while their parents participate in this beloved recreational activity. Stepping Stones Children's Center, a preschool for children under the age of 5, is located in the southern corner of Town Park. The children of Stepping Stones enjoy the Playground, athletic fields, and green spaces of Town Park on a daily basis. Town Park and the Playground are bordered to the east by a residential neighborhood whose residents utilize the Playground and green spaces as their back yard. Town Park serves tens of thousands of users each year.

Provide user numbers for each user group, noting how you arrived at that estimate.

- Center for the Arts: 40,000 participants – based upon 2015 actual numbers for program and event participation
- CBCS: 700 students – based upon current enrollment numbers
- Adult Softball: 220 players - based upon Town Parks and Rec participant numbers for 2016
- Soccer: 180 players – based upon Town Parks and Rec participant numbers and WESA participant numbers for 2016
- Stepping Stones: 60 children – Based upon current enrollment numbers
- Flag Football: 35 players – based upon Town Parks and Rec participant numbers for 2016
- Youth Baseball: 44 players - based upon Town Parks and Rec participant numbers for U10 and under players for 2016
- Residents of the Upper East River Valley: 4,850 – 97% of total residents claimed they visited a Town park in the Town of Crested Butte 2010 Parks and Recreation Regional Master Plan household survey

2. SCOPE: (15 pts.) *Describe the state of the existing facilities. If this project is intended to enhance or replace existing facilities, discuss why they are no longer acceptable. Include site photos.*

The Playground at Town Park will be demolished this spring to accommodate the Center for the Arts expansion in Town Park. The Town has contracted with landscape and park design firm Mundus Bishop to provide park planning services and playground design services throughout the Center for the Arts expansion project. The existing playground consists of two 5-12 play structures, one 2-5 play structure, swings, basketball courts, and a pavilion. This playground is the most heavily utilized playground in Town and sees hundreds of users a day from June to September.

The Pirate Ship: “I would never play with splintery wood! Except on the Pirate Ship...” – Micah, age 6. The wooden Pirate Ship play structure at the Playground was built in 1986 by 150 community volunteers. Thirty years later, it is lovingly referred to as the “Splinter Ship”. CIRSA, the Town’s insurance provider, has cited this structure to be replaced during the last three annual Town audits. During one site visit a wooden board that had fallen off the Pirate Ship was found by the insurance inspector, nails up, lying on the ground in the sand. The sand surface is not ADA accessible nor does it meet ASTM standards for safety. Needless to say, the Pirate Ship has outlived its usable life. Boards are replaced, sanded, and stained annually but structural beams are beginning to rot and the play structure will need to be closed if replacement does not happen in the very near future. See attached “Existing Conditions – Pirate Ship”.

The Yelenick Play Structure: This Little Tykes play structure was built in 1997 and is nearing its 20th birthday. The plastic is cracked in multiple places and features such as the track ride have broken and replacement parts are not available. The rubberized surfacing is deteriorating and the adjacent surface is sand. Root balls bubbling up through the asphalt walkways pose a safety concern on adjacent paths and do not meet standards for ADA accessibility. See “Existing Conditions – Yelenick Playground”.

Basketball Court, Swings & Pavilion: The asphalt basketball court at the Playground is cracked and has grass growing up through it. Snow from the adjacent parking lot is plowed into the courts and stored there over the winter, further adding to the cracking. The swings were installed at the same time as the Pirate Ship and at 30 years old are also at the end of their usable lives. The Pavilion was constructed in 2007, will not be

affected by the CFA expansion, and is not in need of replacement at this time, therefore it is not included in the scope of this project. See “Existing Conditions – Basketball & Swings”.

Describe the scope of the project – what exactly will be built? What is the useful life of the project components and how was that useful life determined?

The Town of Crested Butte, in partnership with the Center for the Arts, the Center for Historic Shipwreck Preservation, and ID Sculpture (IDS) will renovate the Playground to create an authentic pirate themed playground in Town Park. The Pirate Shipwreck play area design is based upon the Whydah, a real pirate ship that sank in 1717 and was discovered by Crested Butte local, Barry Clifford, in 1984. Crewed by many Crested Butte residents, Expedition Whydah located and excavated the first ever documented pirate shipwreck, the Whydah Gally. With an emphasis on authenticity and scientific discovery, the features of the new playground are designed to inspire kids to believe in their own extraordinary ability to imagine and explore. The Playground concept design includes 15,000 square feet of playground programming that will be replaced during the CFA expansion. The guiding principle for the playground design is to incorporate authentic pirate history in a unique setting to foster creative and imaginative play, while tackling physical challenges such as coordination, balance, endurance, and strength. The playground setting is designed to take advantage of the site’s surrounding views, make connections to the surrounding neighborhood, and integrate the playground with the overall park and Center for the Arts building. Please see “Pirate Concept” by IDS.

Custom Pirate Shipwreck Scene – 1,800 s.f.: This central play area will accommodate children ages 5-12 and will incorporate replicas of authentic pirate artifacts as they would be found in situ on an actual archeological project. Artifacts may include cannons, navigational instruments, tools, and treasure and will be based upon artifacts excavated on the Whydah Expedition. The Pirate Ship will be a custom play structure featuring a shipwreck with climbing features, a lookout ‘crow’s nest’ with a long curved slide, climbing nets, a balancing bridge, and various levels of poles and climbable features to pull up or balance on. The pirate ship will connect to sculpted caves with authentic pirate symbols sculpted into them for climbing and imaginative play. A play feature of canons replicated after those found on the ocean floor like pick up sticks will provide balancing and climbing play. Monkey bars will also be included. The structure will be made of composite glass-fiber-reinforced concrete (GFRC), composite lumber, powder coated steel, and steel core playground nets. The playground surface will be poured-in-place resilient surfacing (PIP). The useful life of the steel, composite lumber, and custom sculpted components of the pirate ship is 20 years. Plastic components such as the slide have a useful life of 15 years, and the net features and PIP surfacing have useful lives of 10 years. These estimates were provided by, Mundus Bishop and playground manufacturers, IDS. See attached “Pirate Shipwreck Play”.

Little Shipwreck Play – 1,300 s.f.: This area was designed for toddlers aged 2-5 and includes a smaller pirate ship and crow’s nest with a mini slide, ship’s mast, net climbing, sculpted boulder, and small climbing features for the development of large motor skills in young children. This play area surface will also be PIP. The material and useful life of these components are the same as that of the large Pirate Shipwreck.

Archaeological Sand Play – 250 s.f.: We heard loud and clear from the kids that sand play with a digger is a desired amenity. This play area will include just that with “buried treasure” cast from real artifacts from the Whydah Pirate Museum. The digger will be made of powder coated steel and the sculpted treasure will be made of GFRC. The useful life of this feature is 20 years per IDS.

Swings – 1,200 s.f.: “Big swings” were a desired amenity among the kids and these new powder coated steel swings will sit at the high point of the Playground with incredible views of the surrounding mountains. Two

toddler swings with a lower top bar, and two belt swings with a higher top bar and an engineered wood fiber surface will be situated near an open lawn and overlook the Pirate Shipwreck and “the Grove”. The useful life of the steel swing frame is 15 years and 10 years for the swing seats per Mundus Bishop.

“The Grove” – 4,000 s.f.: Crested Butte Town code requires that any trees that are removed be replaced with replanted trees of equal diameter. The Grove will be home to many of these replanted trees and will feel like a mini urban forest and pirate camp. The Grove will have picnic tables and hammocks tucked amongst the trees providing tween, teen and family hang out space. The useful life of the hammocks is 5 years and the picnic tables is 10 years per Mundus Bishop.

Lawn & Garden Play – 1,000 s.f. This nature-based area will include natural and sculpted rocks and caves for climbing, exploring, and imaginative play. The caves will have authentic pirate symbols etched onto the mouths. A perennial garden and lawn overlooking the playground will provide seating for supervising adults. The sculpted rocks and caves will be made of GFRC and have a useful life of 20 years per IDS. The Playground will be knitted with the Center for the Arts courtyard by the Lawn and Garden Play area. There will be steps and a sloped walk for ADA accessibility down from the courtyard to the Pirate Shipwreck area.

Basketball Court – 50’x42’: The 1/2 court basketball court is another amenity that will be relocated with the Center for the Arts expansion. The courts will move north to be adjacent to other traditional sport areas including volleyball and horseshoes. The idea of grouping these activities together was very favorable among the community as basketball, volleyball and horseshoes are more popular with teenagers and adults. The useful life of the concrete basketball court is 25 years per Mundus Bishop.

Additional Playground Areas: A bermed rock garden and trees will provide a buffer and separation from 7th Street. Multiple gardens, concrete pathways for pedestrians and bikers, bicycle parking, benches, retaining walls, and grassy areas will be included in the playground area. Please see “Overall Plan”, “Playground Plan”, and “Sections”.

Describe consultations you have had with outside experts, other communities, or knowledgeable individuals about building this sort of project.

The Town has worked closely with ID Sculpture, custom playground manufacturers, on the Pirate Shipwreck themed designs and play features. The historic pirate history element has been a collaborative effort between Brandon Clifford, Director of the Center for Historic Shipwreck Preservation, and Andris Zobs, local playground builder with IDS, who also worked on the Whydah Expedition. The Town has contracted with landscape and park design firm Mundus Bishop to provide park planning services and playground design services throughout the Center for the Arts expansion project.

The budget attachment will also be evaluated as part of this response.

See attached “Town of Crested Butte - Town Park Playground Renovation Project Budget”.

3. **ACCESS: (5 pts.)** *Describe access to the proposed project. How many people live within a 10-minute walk of the project site (within one mile or less)? Is it accessible by means other than automobile? How do/will users access the site?*

Every resident within the Town of Crested Butte (1,500) lives within a 10-minute walk of Town Park. Crested Butte has a vibrant bike culture and most park users arrive on bike. Pedestrian and bicycle access to

the park is available from every cardinal direction. With the CFA expansion a new sidewalk will be installed that connects directly to the Community School. The Mt. Express free bus service will have a new bus stop on the west side of the park.

How is it situated in relation to where users live: is it near or linked to schools, other recreational amenities, or community gathering spots? Are there obstacles to getting to the project site; if so, how do you intend to overcome them? Will ADA accessibility be incorporated?

As the largest playground in Town, this playground truly serves the entire community and is easily accessible from the Town network of non-motorized routes. The Playground is directly across 7th St. from the southeastern residential area of Crested Butte and just 800 ft. from the Crested Butte Community School. The Center for the Arts and Stepping Stones Children’s Center are both located within Town Park, and multiple special events are held annually at the park. Rainbow Park, Gothic Field, Big Mine Park and Ice Arena, Town Ranch, the Crested Butte Bike Park, the Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte Rec Path, Totem Pole Park, and Tommy V. Ball Field are all located within three blocks of Town Park and are easily accessible by walking or biking. Elk Avenue, the heart of Crested Butte’s business district, borders Town Park to the north. There are no obstacles to getting to the project site and all existing pedestrian/bike routes located around the Playground will be upgraded to concrete and will be ADA accessible. Please see attached “Crested Butte Town Park Site Map”.

4. NEED: (15 pts.) *What makes this project unique?*

The opportunity to partner with IDS and the Center for Historic Shipwreck Preservation to create authentic pirate historic elements at the Playground makes this project unique and incredibly exciting. Due to our remote location, kids who grow up in Crested Butte are somewhat isolated. The opportunity to provide an educational element about underwater archaeology and pirate history is a gift that will feed the imaginations of kids for many years to come. The Playground is the most beloved and heavily utilized playground in the Town of Crested Butte. The custom built nature of this playground and the opportunities for educational components and imaginative play make this playground unique for the Town when compared with the off-the-shelf Little Tykes equipment seen in all other playgrounds in Town. Maintaining the original pirate ship theme of this playground is a special feature of this project that complements Crested Butte’s values of community engagement and historic preservation.

Why is the project needed?

Town Park, originally a County Public Works shop yard, has not seen a significant face lift in over 30 years. While the park and associated Playground equipment are in need of replacement, the timing of the expansion of the Center for the Arts is providing our community the opportunity to completely renovate the existing playground space. All park amenities, including the Playground have been incorporated into the overall CFA expansion plan. Town Park is the gateway to Town and its central location makes it the most heavily used park in Town. The timing of the Center for the Arts’ expansion and the partnerships that have formed to make this project a reality are perfectly aligned to allow Town Park to receive a significant upgrade from the last major investment over 30 years ago.

How will the project enhance recreational offerings, including programming, and/or environmental education opportunities in the community?

The Playground greatly enhances every other activity that happens in Town Park. Town Park is a diverse park that serves multiple user groups and hosts many different types of events. The Playground is a universal amenity that is utilized by every park user group. With the deterioration of the current playground and the substandard conditions present, the renovation of the Playground is critical to managing risk and maintaining the vibrant nature of Town Park. This project will enhance recreational opportunities in the community by creating a one of a kind custom playground that incorporates authentic pirate history and archaeology. The interpretive sign will connect the replicas found in the Playground with images of real life artifacts that have been discovered on the Whydah and other shipwrecks. The story board approach to this sign makes it educational and interactive for park users. This custom playground will create a unique and dynamic opportunity for archaeological education. The unique nature of this playground will make it a regional destination for visitors.

How are potential users of the project compensating now for the lack of the project?

Current park users play at the Playground in its current condition and will continue to do so until it is closed for renovation. The children and parents who require ADA accessibility continue to struggle with access to the Playground. Children play around the features that are closed due to broken parts that are no longer replaceable, and the Town continues to open itself up to liability for keeping those amenities accessible that CIRSA has cited as needing replacement, such as the deteriorating structural posts of the Pirate Ship.

5. PLANNING/OUTREACH: (15 pts.) Describe the public planning process that identified this specific project as a priority.

The expansion of the Center for the Arts and the associated Town Park site plan and playground design have been a long and very public process. The initial public planning process for the Town Park Playground Renovation Project was the GOCO funded 2010 Town of Crested Butte Parks and Recreation Regional Master Plan. That plan, based upon multiple forms of public input, recommends “completing a master plan for Town Park, including accommodating the Center for the Arts expansion”. The Master Plan also recommends that the park “maintain diversity of amenities at Town Park with possible Art Center expansion.” In 2015 the Center for the Arts came before Town Council requesting a resolution of support for the expansion of their facilities in Town Park. The public hearing for that resolution was well attended and residents were very clear in their concern for Town Park and the Playground during the expansion project. Town Council approved the Resolution with the requirement that a site plan be developed for the entire park, that all park amenities displaced by the CFA expansion be replaced, and that a public planning process be conducted for the Playground design.

Discuss specific plans or targeted public outreach efforts that prioritized this project and the opportunities the public had to comment. Discuss your efforts to engage youth and underserved populations in the planning process.

The Crested Butte Town Council held 3 additional public hearings to review the Town Park Site Plan. The Board of Zoning and Architectural Review held 7 public hearings regarding the Center for the Arts Expansion Project and the associated impact on Town Park and the adjacent playground. The CFA also held 3 public meetings to solicit input on their expansion project. Each of these meetings were well attended by

the public seeking assurance that the Playground would be renovated with the CFA expansion. Four classroom visits with Crested Butte Community School students were held to solicit input on the Playground Design. The design team and Town staff facilitated design activities with a 1st grade class and a 2nd grade class which included drawing, sculpting, cutting and pasting images, and a dot exercise. Follow up meetings were held with both classes sharing the schematic design that was a result of their input. Two community meetings were held soliciting input specific to the Playground design. These meetings were open house style and were attended by a total of 21 community members. The public had the opportunity to participate in dot exercises, draw and sculpt ideas, and write comments. See “Public Process”.

What priority is this project to the community? If this project is not a top priority discuss why it is being pursued at this time. If a survey was distributed, how many people and what groups were surveyed? Provide one copy of a blank survey.

The Town Park Playground Renovation Project is a priority to the community because the Center for the Arts is expanding and the existing playground will be demolished during that project. Throughout the multiple public meetings associated with this project residents clearly communicated the importance of Town Park and the Playground to the community and were very clear in their expectation that the Playground be replaced as part of the Center for the Arts expansion. A survey was not distributed for this project specifically but has been informed by survey results of the broader 2010 Parks and Rec Regional Master Plan.

Summarize the feedback received from the public and how it was determined that your constituents want and will use the project? What did you learn from the processes discussed above?

Kids identified tunnels, caves, climbing features, slides, bridges, nets, zip lines, and swings as desired features. There was an overwhelming ocean theme that came from each of these workshops as well as places to hide and climb. Children and parents alike felt a strong connection to the existing Pirate Ship and expressed a desire to maintain the pirate theme. Ships, caves, buried treasure, sharks, divers, “walking the plank”, rope swings and sand digging were popular ideas that came from the workshops. The open house comments from parents and community members included; the need for a buffer from 7th Street, places for parents to sit and hang out, family hang out spaces, hammocks, good visibility from Old Town Soccer Field during Alpenglow and other events, and non-traditional play equipment that is custom built and “Crested Butte” style. Based upon the public feedback and the heavy use of the existing playground, it is apparent that the public wants and will use this new playground.

- 6. OPPOSITION: *Who is opposed to the project? Have neighbors, user groups, or other parties objected to the project? Include any letters, petitions, news articles, or other documents evidencing opposition. What has been done to address the concerns of those opposing and how has the opposition responded? (5pts.)***

There is no known opposition to the Town Park Playground Renovation Project. The multiple community meetings during the public planning process were well attended and participants expressed their excitement about the project and eagerness to see this project completed. There have been two news articles and three PSAs in the Crested Butte News about the Playground Renovation Project and all associated feedback has been positive.

- 7. TIMELINE: *When will the project be ready for construction and when will it be complete? Discuss any design, engineering and/or permitting that is outstanding. (5 pts.)***

The Playground Renovation Project is tied to the Center for the Arts Expansion Project's timeline and will occur over the next two years. This project is currently at a schematic design level and an RFP for final design and engineering will be posted in January with final design slated for completion in July of 2017. The existing playground will be demolished and recycled this spring, and site prep and grading for the entire project area including the Center for the Arts building and the Playground will occur in May and June of 2017. There is no outstanding permitting. Playground equipment and site furnishings will be ordered during the winter and spring of 2018. The playground site will be a construction staging area while the Center for the Arts is built in 2017, and construction on the playground will begin in June of 2018 with completion scheduled for October of 2018. Please see "Preliminary Timeline Estimate".

8. MAINTENANCE: *Estimate the annual costs to maintain the project. How did you derive those numbers; how do you intend to fund maintenance; and who is responsible for maintenance? (5 pts.)*

The anticipated annual maintenance cost of this Playground is \$1,800.00 based upon a \$0.12 per square foot budget for park space. The Town of Crested Butte's Parks and Recreation Department is currently responsible for maintaining this playground and will continue to do so into the future. With this playground renovation project in mind and other park improvement projects, residents voted to increase sales tax by .05% beginning in 2016 to fund parks, recreation, and trails. The park maintenance line item was increased accordingly. It is anticipated that this playground will require less maintenance than does the current playground due to the excessive amount of staff time and funding to keep up the existing playground in its current condition. Maintenance items for the new playground will include daily, weekly, monthly and annual tasks including but not limited to equipment inspections, raking of the EWF surface, rototilling sand, garden care, lawn care, pressure washing, and trash and recycling removal.

9. YOUTH INVOLVEMENT: *Will a Youth Corps or other local youth organization be used to implement the project? Keep in mind this could be anything from planning and fundraising to construction. If so, describe what the youth organization will be doing and discuss the collaboration you've had with them. Submit a letter of support from the organization that you will be collaborating with. If there will not be youth involvement in this project, provide an explanation of why. (5 pts.)*

Mr. Tyler's 2nd grade class and Miss Molly's 1st grade class at the Crested Butte Community School have collaborated with the Town on the design of the new Playground. These students participated in the schematic design process and were instrumental in maintaining the pirate theme of the Playground. Their comments and wish lists for playground amenities informed the design of the play features. Mr. Tyler's class has also committed to collaborating on the final design of the playground and will help choose final colors, materials and other design elements. Please see "Letter of Support from the Gunnison Watershed School District" and letters of support from CBCS students.

10. MATCH STATUS: (10 pts.) *How much of your planned cash match is secured? How much of it is yet to be raised and what are your plans for raising those additional funds? What is your "Plan B" if you are unable to raise those funds? ("Plan B" only needed if matching funds are not secured.)*

100% of the applicant cash match from the Town of Crested Butte (\$100,000.00) is secured as is the partner match from the Center for the Arts (\$47,264.00). The total combined secured cash match represents 30% of the total cash funding. The Town and IDS have committed to an additional \$54,802.80 in in-kind contributions representing 10% of the total project cost. The total cash and in-kind match value for this project is 37% of the total project cost.

Describe any partnerships established for this project. If cash or in-kind partnerships for this project were not possible, explain why.

The Center for the Arts: The Center for the Arts is an essential partner for this project. The expansion of the Center for the Arts and the Playground Renovation Project are married, and one cannot go forward without the other. The CFA has committed to over \$47,000.00 in cash toward this project and has worked collaboratively throughout their planning process to ensure that the park as a whole and the Playground maintain a synergistic relationship with the new CFA.

Center for Historic Shipwreck Preservation: Underwater archaeologist Brandon Clifford, Director of the Center for Historic Shipwreck Preservation, has partnered with the Town to incorporate authentic pirate history and artifact replicas for this playground.

ID Sculpture: Andris Zobs of IDS, custom playground manufacturers, has partnered with the Town to design play features that integrate artifact replicas. Andris worked on the Whydah project for six years and his experience with underwater archaeology, the Whydah artifacts, and his trade as a custom playground manufacturer make his design work invaluable to this project. Andris and IDS has also pledged a 20% discount off of MSRP for all GFRC custom play features.

Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District: The Gunnison County Met Rec has contributed \$1,000.00 in cash toward this project and will consider additional funding in their 2017 grant cycle. The cash contribution was outside of their normal grant cycle and this funding commitment represents the importance of this project as a regional amenity.

11. NEED FOR FUNDS: (5 pts.) *What is compelling about your community's need for GOCO funds?*

The Town of Crested Butte has a small population base but hosts tens of thousands of visitors annually. 38% of funding for park maintenance and capital projects comes from sales tax and the other 62% of funding comes from the Real Estate Transfer Tax, which funds all capital projects for the Town. This means that parks projects compete for funding with all other Town departments and projects. As a rural Town with limited available funds, the Town of Crested Butte has relied upon funding from GOCO to complete important parks, trails, and open space projects. Park amenities are a critical piece of the Town's tourist-based economy and meeting needs with the funds generated by residents is a difficult task. The Center for the Arts is a non-profit and their expansion is based upon a rigorous fundraising campaign. The CFA does not have the ability to fund both their expansion and the Playground renovation.

What opportunities are lost if this project is not undertaken now? Will the project (or components of it) get done if GOCO funds are not awarded? Will applicant or partner funds dedicated to the project be lost if GOCO doesn't award a grant now?

The Center for the Arts Expansion Project timeline and the Playground Renovation Project timelines are inextricably tied. The site prep and grading for both the Playground and the CFA is slated for this spring, and Town Park will no longer have a playground beginning in May of 2017. If GOCO funds are not received in 2017 the Town will reapply for GOCO funds in the 2018 grant cycle. A delay such as this would push the entire project back meaning that Town Park would not have a playground for an additional year. Contributions from the Town, the CFA, the Met Rec and IDS would all have to be renegotiated if this project were not awarded funding in 2017.

12. SUPPORT: *Provide up to seven community support letters/emails that are supporting the project in ways other than cash or in-kind contributions. Letters should come from users, user groups, community members, volunteers, schools, etc. Support letters/emails must be included with the application and will not be accepted if mailed to the GOCO office. (There is no need to provide narrative in this question; scoring will be based on the quality of support letters submitted with the application)* (5 pts.)

Dear Great Out doors

Colorado, We are first graders at
Crested Butte community school. We

are writing to you because we are

excited for a new Play ground in our town



Dear Great Outdoors Colorado,
We are first graders at
Crested Butte Community
School. We are writing
to you because we were
excited for a new playground
in our town. We don't think
we have enough box tops
and we have to use
those for our schools.

This playground is important
because people that don't have
activities will have a fun
place to go, get exer-

else, and meet new people.

Sincerely,

Tanner Harpel, SIRI

WRIGHT, JD Huresky, RYAN

Smith, Ashley Goesch, Evelyn

Camp, Delaney Almstead,

Arabella Hass, Wyatt Heim,

Donovan Gagen, Wanda Guzman,

Tyler Leppert, Ruby

McKeever, Will Goddard,

Vivian Clark, COBIE O'CONNOR,

Tucker Pritchett, Molly Frame

and MICAH HANSEN

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Quality Education in the Heart of Colorado's Majestic Rocky Mountains

Office of:
The Superintendent

October 24, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado
Attn: Jake Houston, Local Park and Outdoor Recreation Grant Manager
1900 Grant St., Suite 725
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Houston,

Please accept this letter of support for the Crested Butte Town Park Playground Renovation Project. The Gunnison Watershed School District and the Town of Crested Butte have enjoyed a collaborative working relationship for many years and have completed a number of successful projects together. We have shared amenities and facilities in ways that benefit our students and community members alike. I am confident that the Town Park Playground Renovation Project will be another success story for our community.

Town Park is located just 800ft from the Crested Butte Community School (CBCS) and our students utilize park space during both school related and extracurricular activities. CBCS students enjoy many hours playing at the Mary Yelenick Playground in Town Park; a playground that has far outlived its usable life. The deterioration of the playground equipment creates an unsafe environment and the sand surfacing does not meet ASTM nor ADA requirements for playground surfacing. Keeping kids safe and meeting the needs of our students and parents with access needs is a priority for me and our community. This new playground will achieve that goal.

Town Park and the Mary Yelenick Playground are beloved community amenities and CBCS 1st and 2nd grade students took great pleasure in participating in the design process for this project. The students loved to see their creative ideas come to life in the conceptual drawings for this project. The two classroom visits made by the design team and town staff provided a wonderful learning opportunity to connect the classroom with our community in a meaningful way.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and Great Outdoors Colorado for the important role you have played in improving the quality of life in the Gunnison Valley through your support of so many wonderful projects in our community. I am hopeful that the Crested Butte Town Park Playground Renovation Project will be another successful partnership between the Gunnison Valley and GOCO.

Best regards,



Doug Tredway, Superintendent
Gunnison Watershed School District
800 N. Boulevard Street
Gunnison, CO 81230



Great Outdoors Colorado
Attn: Jake Houston, Local Park and Outdoor Recreation Grant Manager
1900 Grant St., Suite 725
Denver, CO 80203

November 15, 2016

Dear Mr. Houston,

Please accept this letter of support for the Crested Butte Town Park Playground Renovation Project. Stepping Stones Children's Center sits in the southeastern corner of Town Park, and the Mary Yelenick Playground is an important amenity for our school.

- Our school uses the Town Park facility on a daily basis during our summer program and also uses the space frequently throughout the school year. It is a commodity that we could not do without. We are ever grateful for the field and park facility being adjoined to our school. We use this space for the playground structure, picnic shelter, and soccer field for our children programs, events, parties, games and graduations.
- There has been a long standing collaboration between the town and Stepping Stones and we appreciate and wish to continue to foster this relationship in all ways to benefit the community as a whole.
- There is a high need for this playground facility. Throughout the summer it is used at full capacity and even through the fall we see it being used on a frequently basis. This park is a vital part of our town and is well used and loved not only by the local community, including our school facility, but also by the numerous tourist families that visit throughout the year.
- The deteriorating condition of the existing playground (i.e. splintery pirate ship, root balls in asphalt walkways, sand not ADA accessible) is a concern. There are safety issues and hazards existing within the playground in its current condition. We would love to continue our use of this facility, as well as encourage all of our families to utilize this wonderful park space, and have it be safe, accessible and appropriate for children.

Best regards,

Jennifer Burks, Director
Stepping Stones Children's Center
705 7th St. Crested Butte, CO 81225

Name Hallie Hicks

Date 11-21-16

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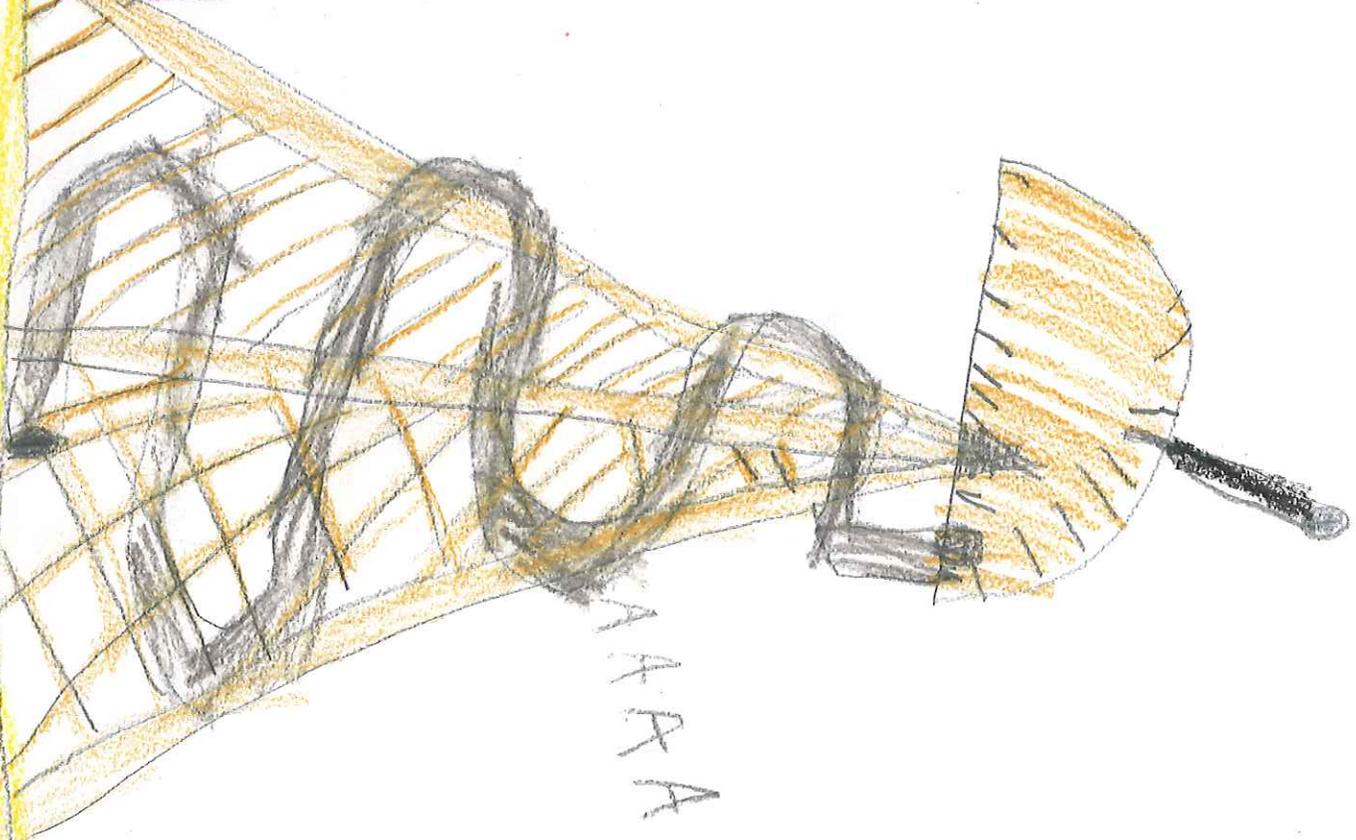
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Hallie



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Great Outdoors
Colorado
Attn: Jake Houston, Local Park and Outdoor Recreation Grant Manager
1900 Grant St., Suite 725
Denver, CO 80203

November 8, 2016

Dear Great Outdoors Colorado,

Please consider the following letter of recommendation from the West Elk Soccer Association for the Town Park Playground Renovation Project. The West Elk Soccer Association (WESA) is a not-for-profit organization devoted to promoting and fostering the development of soccer for youths and adults living in, and visiting, the Gunnison valley.

Soccer is a wonderful family sport. While WESA soccer players are practicing or playing games on the fields at Town Park, siblings are often in tow. The playground provides a space for them to be active and entertained while brothers and sisters are playing soccer. Visiting teams appreciate the facility for the playground and picnic areas for teams and families throughout the day. On Super Soccer Saturdays, this is hundreds of players and family members throughout the day.

Following the structured play of soccer practice, most young players enjoy extra time for free play in the playground afterward. Following weekday practices there can be as many as 150 players romping through the playground and joining their siblings.

The current Town Park Playground has outlived its useful life. There are multiple safety and access concerns with the current playground. The proposed renovated playground will meet the expectations for our soccer players and their families. Improving the playground will enhance the Town Park experience for the whole family, increasing recreation times.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ross Matlock
President of the Board
West Elk Soccer Association



Cultivating cooperative partnerships to enhance recreation, arts and culture in our communities

October 31, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado
Attn: Jake Houston, Local Park and Outdoor Recreation Grant Manager
1900 Grant St., Suite 725
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Houston,

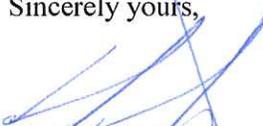
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District I would like to express my support of the GOCO grant application by the Town of Crested Butte to help fund the Crested Butte Town Park Renovation Project.

One of the goals of the District is to assist organizations and governments in the enhancement of recreational facilities with the service area of the District. The renovation of the Town Park playground will benefit the children and families that live in the Crested Butte area. The District as successfully worked with the Town of Crested Butte in the past partnering on several recreational projects and looks forward to the completion of this project in the near future. The project will serve as a regional amenity and benefit not only the over 5,000 resident of the upper Gunnison River valley but the multitude of visitors to our area annually. Additionally, the proposed renovation will make the playground more accessible to children with disabilities and bring the playground up to current safety standards.

This award was made outside of the normal grant cycle for the District because the feeling of the Board that this project is of significant benefit to our constituents and the Town will be allowed to request funding during next year's grant cycle.

The Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District supports this project and hopes that it will be successful in the Greater Outdoors Colorado grant cycle.

Sincerely yours,



David L. Clayton, President
Gunnison County Metropolitan Recreation District Board of Directors

cc: Lori Patin, District Manager, GCMRD
Janna Hansen, Town of Crested Butte



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November 14, 2016

Great Outdoors Colorado
Attn: Jake Houston, Local Park and Outdoor Recreation Grant Manager
1900 Grant Street, Suite 725
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Mr. Houston,

The Town of Mt. Crested Butte enthusiastically supports the Crested Butte Town Park Playground Renovation Project! In 1986 I had the pleasure to physically assist in building the Mary Yelenick Playground "Pirate Ship" and my grandson is now playing on the "Pirate Ship". With today's innovations in children's playground equipment from safety to design it is definitely time for an upgrade.

Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte are just a few miles apart served by a free bus system and families from both communities enjoy park facilities in both communities. Our communities work together on many public facilities from jointly operating our bus system to shared year around multiuse trail systems to one public school located in Crested Butte to a joint Chamber of Commerce.

At the time of the original construction of the Mary Yelenick Playground our school class sizes were under 20 students each. We now have Crested Butte Community School class sizes of over 70 students each and thus the need for excellent park facilities is overdue.

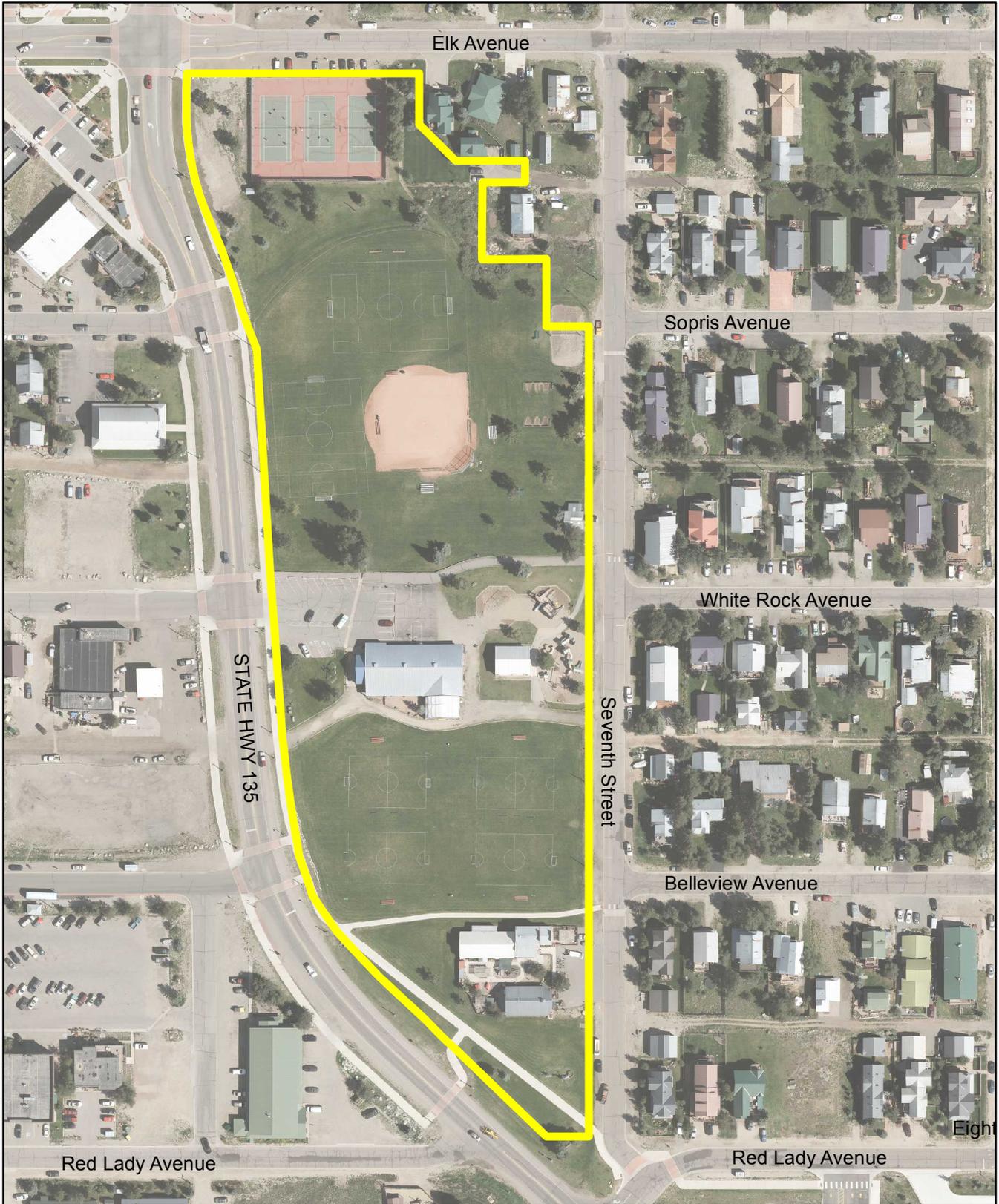
Additionally Crested Butte/Mt. Crested Butte is a destination resort with many visitors year around and excellent park facilities are an amenity our visitors enjoy. We also have a large population of second home owners in both communities and their children and grandchildren make use of our park facilities in both communities.

The Crested Butte Center for the Arts is adjacent to the Mary Yelenick Playground and the Center for the Arts is scheduled to break ground in 2017 providing a new and expanded facility to serve our children and adults with all aspects of the arts and a renovation of the playground will also provide an amenity for the users of this new arts facility.

Please consider supporting the Crested Butte Town Park Renovation Project. And, thank you to Great Outdoors Colorado for all of your historical support of projects throughout Gunnison County.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Fitzpatrick, Jr.
Town Manager



TOWN PARK
Crested Butte, Colorado

 9.17 Acres

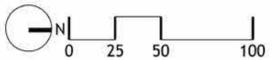


CRESTED BUTTE TOWN PARK SITE MAP

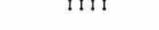
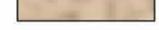


Legend

- Park Boundary
- Park Pedestrian and Bike Routes - ADA Compliant
- Public Parking
- Seventh Street Improved Parking Space
- Bus Stop



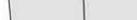
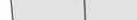
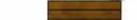
OVERALL PLAN

- LEGEND**
-  EXISTING CONTOUR
 -  PROPOSED CONTOUR
 -  PROPOSED CONCRETE PAVING
 -  PROPOSED BOULDER
 -  PROPOSED PICNIC TABLE
 -  PROPOSED HAMMOCK
 -  PROPOSED BIKE RACKS
 -  PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN LIGHT
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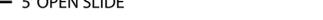


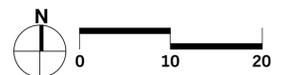
PLAYGROUND PLAN

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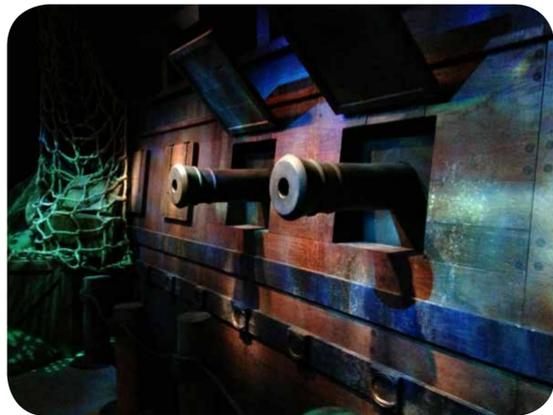
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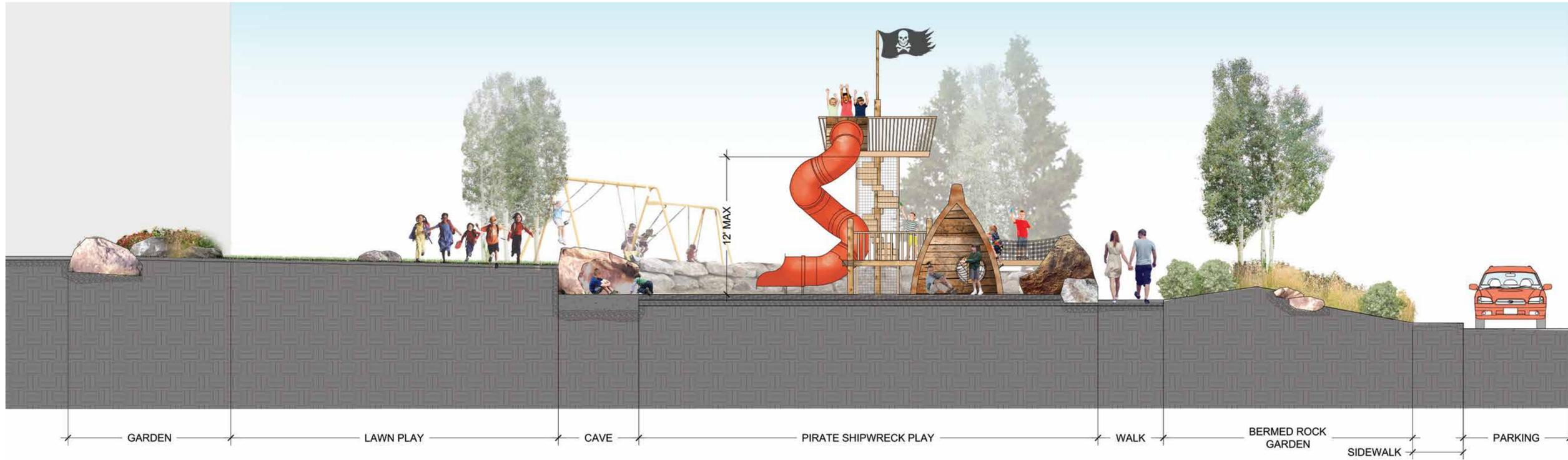
-  SWINGS
• (2) BELT
• (2) TODDLER
-  SCULPTED CONCRETE ROCK CAVE
-  PLASTIC TUBE SLIDE
-  PLANK BRIDGE TO ROCK CAVE
-  12' (H) CROW'S NEST LOOK OUT
-  NET TUNNEL
-  5' OPEN SLIDE
-  CLIMBABLE SHIP HULL
-  ZIP TRACK
-  CANNON JUMPERS
-  RELOCATED PLAYGROUND DEDICATION PLAQUE AND PIRATE HISTORY INTERPRETATIVE SIGN
-  BERMED ROCK GARDEN EDGE
-  SHIP MAST, BOULDER AND NET CLIMBING
-  LITTLE CROW'S NEST TODDLER PLAY
• 3 1/2' (H) LOOKOUT
• OPEN SLIDE
• NET CLIMBING
-  SAND PLAY WITH DIGGER AND PIRATE ARTIFACTS



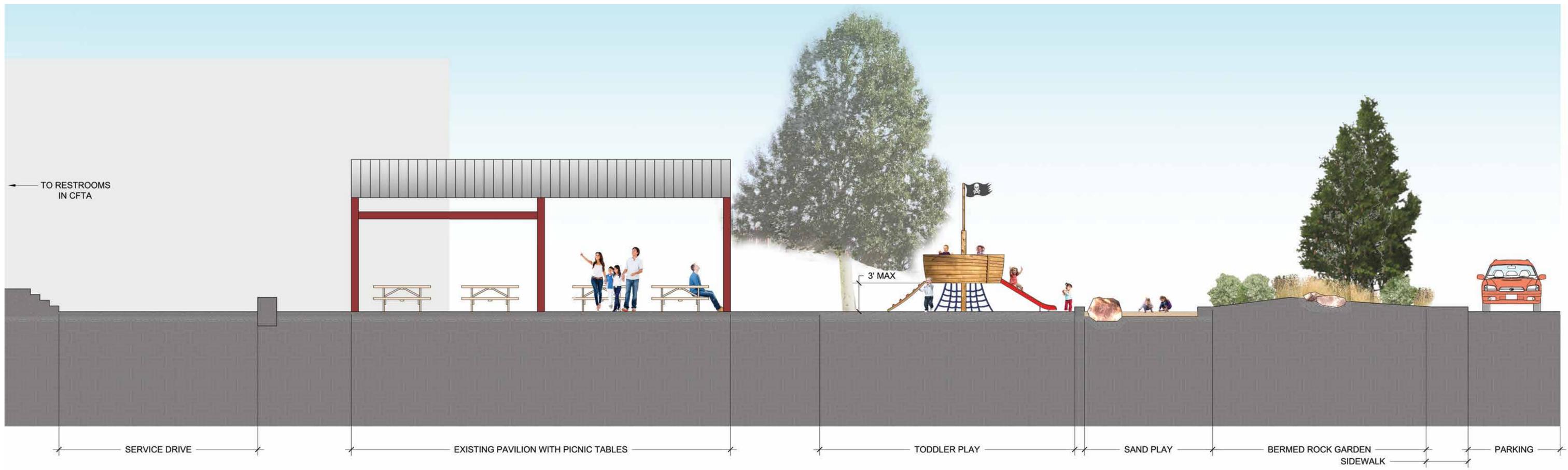
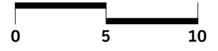
PIRATE SHIPWRECK PLAY



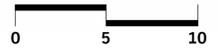
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SECTION / ELEVATION A



SECTION / ELEVATION B



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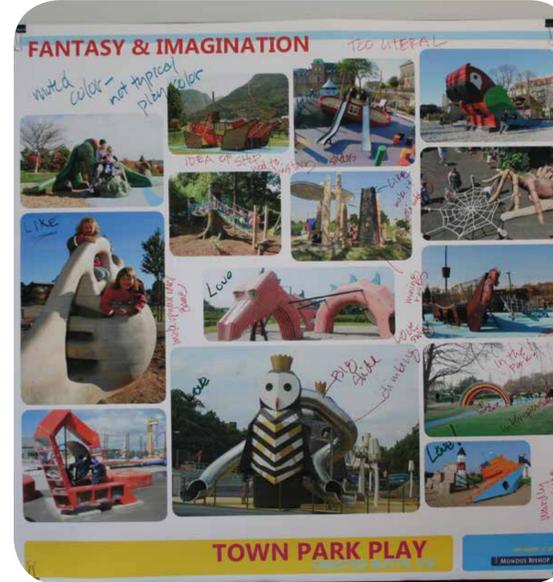
"This Playground is Going to be SO MUCH FUN!"

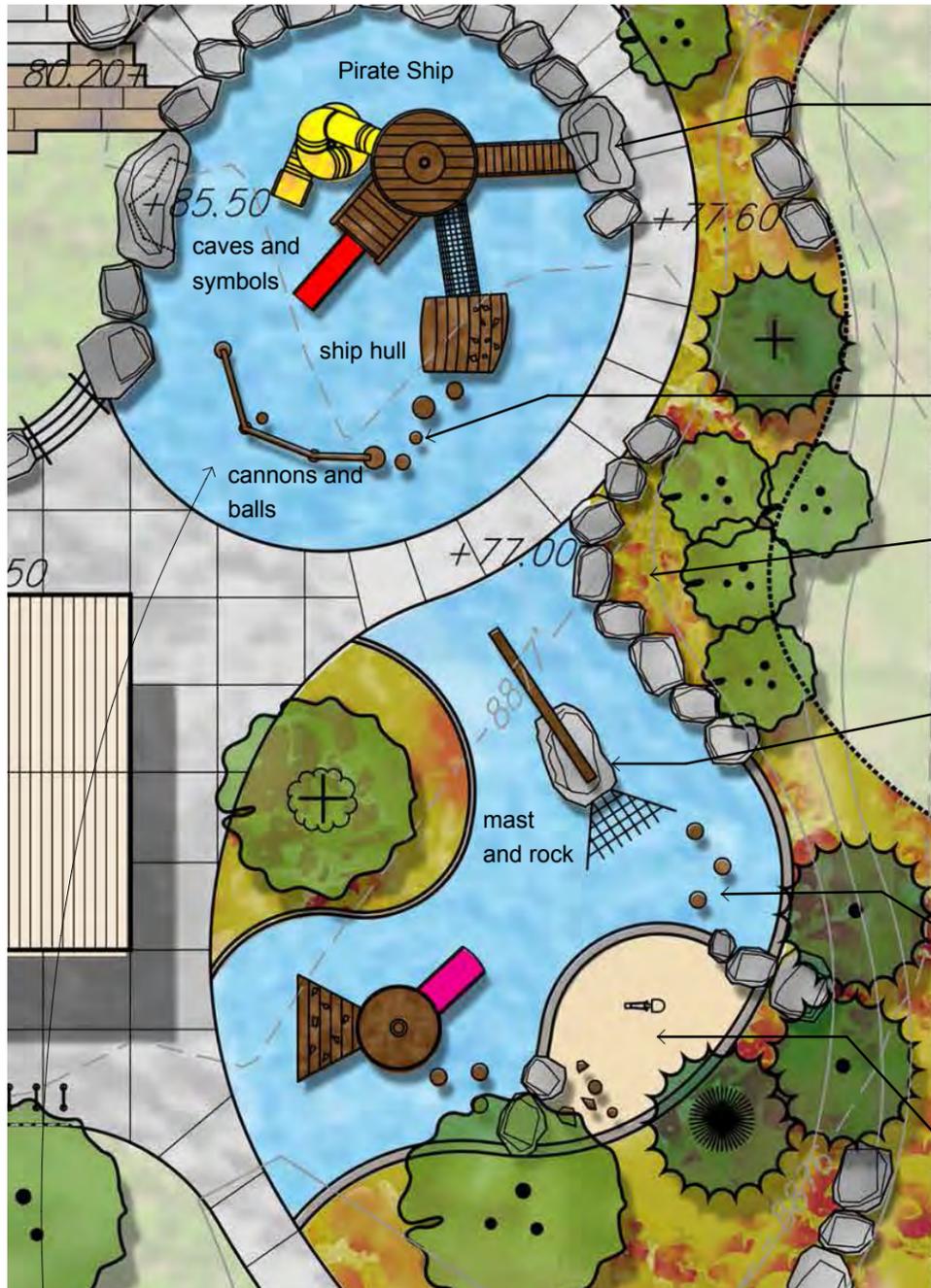
1st and 2nd Grade Workshops

- Caves
- Climbing
- Digging
- Tunnel and Bridges
- Towers / Forts / Castles
- Slides
- Swings
- Balance Beams
- Portal to Imaginary Land
- Monkey Bars

Open Houses

- Buffer from 7th St., Trees and Berm
- Colorful
- Natural Play Elements
- Abstract
- Parent Hangout Area
- Forts / Treehouse
- Climbing Wall
- Weirdly Surprising
- Pirate Theme (Nod to History)
- Organic
- Crested Butte-Like
- Move Basketball Court to the North
- Places for Parents to 'Chill'
- Big Slide
- Visibility from Aspenglow





No one knows why the volunteers who first built Town Park decided on a pirate theme for their community effort. Since they did, Pirate Ship Park has taken on a special meaning for the Town of Crested Butte.

Maybe because it always seemed to fit with Crested Butte's spirit of discovery and adventure.

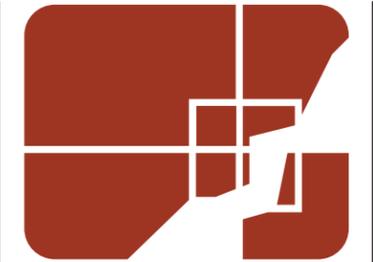
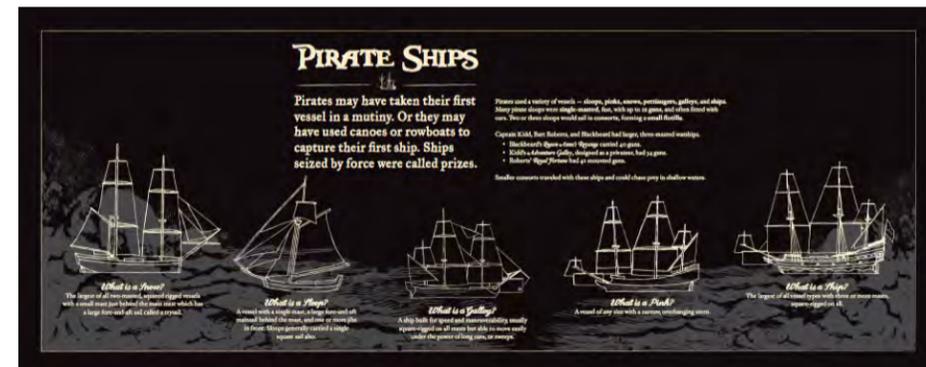
To honor this spirit, the Park is based on the real life archeological discoveries of *Expedition Whydah* and the *Center for Historic Shipwreck Preservation*. Crewed by many former Crested Butte residents, *Expedition Whydah* located and excavated the first ever documented pirate ship wreck, *The Whydah Gally*.

With an emphasis on authenticity and scientific discovery, the features of the new playground are designed to inspire Crested Butte youth to believe in their own extraordinary ability to explore.

ARTIFACT No. - 1149
DRAWING No. - 005-0 DATE - 6/87



Cannon Pile concept



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Crested Butte Town Park

Crested Butte, CO

**SCHEMATIC DESIGN
NOT FOR CONSTRUCTION**

All IDS projects are designed to meet or exceed ASTM 1487-11. Not all equipment may be appropriate for all children. Supervision is required. ASTM compliant safety surfacing is required under and around all play equipment. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) may require your play area to be accessible, please consult with an ADA professional to ensure compliance.

Date: **11/14/16**

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Existing Conditions – Pirate Ship



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Existing Conditions – Yelenick Playground



Existing Conditions – Basketball & Swings



Alpenglow



Name Carly Fzzell

Date 11/15/16

Dear Jake,

Hi my name is Carly!

My class is helping

plan the park! Our class

is also working with an

archaeologist! I want a

new park because it

would be nice for a

change! What I would like

in the park is gymnastics

bars and beam! P.S I love

gymnastics! I also am in.

2nd grade! Sincerely, Carly

FUCKER Pritchett

