

A RESOLUTION TO RETAIN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT SECTIONS OF THE HIAWATHA GARDENS BUILDING FOR FUTURE USE AS A TRANSPORTATION CENTER AND COMMUNITY HUB.

WHEREAS, Hiawatha Gardens has a well-documented history that is integral to the identity of Manitou Springs; and

WHEREAS, Sites in historic districts have access to a plethora of grants that are not available to non-historic district structures; and

WHEREAS, Historic District Structures are exempt from various flood plain regulations; and

WHEREAS, The property was purchased in part by Pikes Peak Regional Transportation Authority funds; and

WHEREAS, A top recommendation of the Mobility Study is that a multi-modal transportation hub be established at Hiawatha Gardens; and

WHEREAS, Three task forces have studied Hiawatha Gardens for several years and recommend restoring it; and

WHEREAS, the historic dancehall has been found to be structurally sound; and

WHEREAS, A robust and lengthy community process has consistently resulted in a desire to retain the historically significant sections of the building as a transportation center and community hub; and

WHEREAS, The longer a building is left vacant, the further it is likely to deteriorate; and

WHEREAS, Once a historic asset is destroyed it cannot be restored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANITOU SPRINGS, COLORADO, THAT:

SECTION 1: In order to assist the project manager in investigating and making recommendations regarding the use and design of Hiawatha Gardens, the current Hiawatha Gardens Task Force (HGTF) shall remain convened until

such time as construction plans are approved by City Council and construction funding secured.


SECTION 2: City Council will consider a nomination for the Hiawatha Gardens to be reinstated to the historic district.

SECTION 3: The City will retain the Project Manager to oversee the planning and restoration of Hiawatha Gardens.

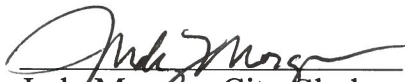
SECTION 4: The HGTF will continue to investigate avenues to make Hiawatha Gardens self-sustaining.

Adopted at the meeting of the City Council of the City of Manitou Springs, Colorado, on this 2nd day of November, 2021, and effective immediately.

Mayor and Council:

By: 
John Graham, Mayor

Attest:


Judy Morgan, City Clerk