



City Park Reallocation Requires Vote of Electors

Whistler Park Misinformation Circulating Among Community

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-March 8, 2019-As many are aware, the Steamboat Springs School District is undertaking a long-range master facility plan to address future challenges. Out of these efforts some misinformation around Whistler Park has been circulating about a potential sale or land swap which isn't accurate.

"City parks and recreation is a valuable commodity with our citizens," said City Manager Gary Suiter. "While we'll listen to any and all ideas and inquiries, the community should understand that no city park can be sold or traded without a vote of our citizens, period."

Section 13.6 of the City of Steamboat Springs' Charter has strict rules spelled out when it comes to the purchase, sale or lease of real property such as public parks.

Section 13.6 - — "Purchase, Sale or Lease of Real Property: The Council by ordinance may purchase, sell, exchange, or dispose of any interest in real property, except any sale of public parks shall be approved by a vote of the qualified electors..."

City staff has met with Steamboat Springs School superintendent, Brad Meeks, to discuss several ideas around their long-range plans. However, when the topic of a sale or swap of potential park land arose, it was quickly reiterated that this direction would require a public vote. In addition, an easement for access through the park would also need voter approval.

"We thought it was important to set the record straight and correct the inaccurate information out there," continued Suiter. "The community should know that if the city were ever to consider making a change to a park in the future, we would fully engage our citizens before any decision is made to move forward in any manner."

The city urges the community to be engaged and actively participate in the Steamboat Springs School District's efforts around its Master Facility Plan. To stay up-to-date on this ongoing initiative, go to <https://buildingforthefuture.ssk12.org/>.

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