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To: Public Infrastructure Committee

From: Curtis Hall, Park and Recreation Division Manager

Re: Approval to reallocate funding for Spring Street-Manitou Park trail project to Camp Vits Trailhead Project

For many years it has been a priority of the City to develop a trailhead and parking facility for residents to access Camp Vits Park. Recently the city has coordinated a land purchase that will hopefully allow that to happen. City staff within the Park & Rec. Dept. are proposing reallocating the funds that were budgeted for the Spring Street-Manitou Park project to the Camp Vits Trailhead Project.

Though we feel that the Spring-Manitou Trail project is of significant importance for the long range trail plan, we feel the Camp Vits project has momentum and is closer to being shovel ready. We have a number of concept designs for the Spring-Manitou project completed but we have identified the need to work with CN to acquire land or an easement through CN property and that could be a long process. We would like to keep the Spring-Manitou Project on the top of the priority list for future capital funding requests.

City Park and Rec., Community Develop, Legal, and Finance staff have collaborated to coordinate land purchase, identify project funding sources, develop resolutions, and complete grant applications.

I recommend the PI Committee approve the reallocation of funds to Camp Vits project for the following reasons:

1. It is request of the land seller to have a City Park developed at this location. They have provided a fair price to allow that to happen. A condition of the land purchase offer is for the city to initiate construction of trailhead in 2021.
2. Park Planning staff is submitting the Camp Vits project for a number of grant applications and we will be identifying said funds for grant dollar match. Without identified funds it will be hard to justify grant funding request.