

**RESOLUTION NO. 1837**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
GOLDEN ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF GOLDEN  
WALKABILITY TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, the City of Golden is a very special place and has been blessed with an abundance of natural beauty and interest; and

WHEREAS, the Golden City Council recognizes that the citizens of Golden enjoy outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, walking is one of the most popular of the outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, walking can be a viable alternative to driving where pedestrian routes are safe, attractive, and well-designed; and

WHEREAS, the City has been judged to be one of the best places in the country for walking and pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, further enhancing the City's walkability can help improve the health and safety of our residents, improve mobility for residents who cannot or prefer not to drive, decrease the costs associated with the construction and maintenance of roads and parking facilities, and improve the vitality of our downtown and other parts of town; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to make the City even more walkable for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is about to undertake what could be a major revision of the 10-year Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, Council would like to encourage some new and innovative ideas and input from citizens.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:**

Section 1. The purpose of this Task Force is to: a) identify the major remaining walkability barriers in the community and the major opportunities for enhancing walkability; and b) to provide specific recommendations to the Golden City Council and staff for the 2009-2018 Capital Improvement Plan that will make it easier for citizens of all ages to walk for recreation and as an alternative method of transportation.

Section 2. The Task Force will submit recommendations in their recommended priority order.

Section 3. In considering projects for inclusion, the Task Force will look first to walkability to schools, secondly toward walkability as an alternative method of transportation and thirdly as additional recreational opportunities. The Task Force will consider the recommendations in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the Downtown Area Improvement Plan, the Comprehensive Plan and the

completed Neighborhood Area Plans. The Task Force will make a good faith effort to ensure that its recommendations are consistent with those of these other plans, and will identify in its final report any significant inconsistencies.

Section 4. The Task Force will hold all meetings in public with advance public notice and have an extensive public comment and participation component.

Section 5. The City Manger will provide appropriate staff support for this committee and Council will provide a supplemental appropriation of up to \$25,000 for necessary engineering and other consulting services as authorized by the City Manager.

Section 6. The Task Force will submit recommendations to City Council on Thursday, August 21, 2008 and Council will hold a formal public hearing and consider adoption of the recommendations at its regular business meeting on August 28, 2008.

Section 7. This Task Force will terminate after the City Council meeting on August 28, 2008.

Section 8. This Task Force will consist of seven members who are citizens, business owners, students, property owners or employees of businesses within the City of Golden.

Section 9. In forming the Walkability Task Force, Council desires to encourage participation from people who have traditionally not been active on City boards or commissions. Council also desires to have a geographical and demographic diversity. To meet these objectives, Council will appoint the Task Force members in the following manner:

- a. The openings on the Task Force will be advertised by the City in its usual manner,
- b. Council members will also encourage applications from people who they know to have an interest,
- c. The people desiring to serve on the Task Force will submit an application for appointment to the Task Force. Copies of these written applications will given to all of Council.
- d. Each of the four Ward Council members shall appoint one member to the Task Force who lives within their Ward. An appointee from a Ward with a vacant Council seat will be appointed by the Mayor and the District Councilor for that Ward.
- e. District Council members and the Mayor shall collectively appoint three people, at least one of whom shall be a student at Golden High School, who lives within the City and preferably has attended Bell Middle School and either Mitchell Elementary School or Shelton Elementary School. In making the other two appointments, these same members of Council shall strive to achieve diversity and shall try to ensure that at least one of the seven members of the Task Force is a parent of small children.

Adopted this 14th day of February, 2008.

  
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Jacob Smith  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Susan M. Brooks, MMC  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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David Williamson  
City Attorney

I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a rescheduled regular meeting thereof held on the 14th day of February, A.D., 2008.

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ATTEST:



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Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of  
Golden, Colorado