RESOLUTION by the Board of Directors of Foothills Park & Recreation District Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) Policy

WHEREAS, the Foothills Park & Recreation District (the "District") Board of Directors fully supports and complies with all Federal and State laws relating to the retention, protection and disclosure of District records including the Colorado Open Records Act, Title 24, Article 72, Park 2, C.R.S. (CORA);

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the District that all public records shall be open for inspection by any person during business hours, except as otherwise provided by law. Public records are defined by CORA as all writings made or maintained by the District, regardless of the format or medium of the records, subject to certain exceptions. Public records expressly include email communication. The District maintains an archive of all email messages for emergency backup purposes only; such archived email communications are not individually retrievable and are specifically not intended to create a public record.

WHEREAS, the Assistant to the Executive Director is hereby designated as the official Custodian of Records responsible for the maintenance, care and keeping of all records of the District. The official Custodian of Records shall have authority to designate such agents as he/she shall determine appropriate to perform any and all acts necessary to enforce and execute the provisions of this policy. Upon receipt, requests by a citizen, entity, Federal or State agency, District member, subpoena, Administrative or Court Order, or other legal process, to inspect and/or copy any District record (collectively referred to as a "Records Request") should be immediately sent to the Custodian of Records.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the Foothills Park & Recreation District ("District") in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado the following general policies concerning the release of records:

- 1. Every Records Request shall be submitted to the District's Custodian of Records in writing and be specific as to the information desired.
- 2. If any question arises as to the propriety of fully complying with a Records Request, the Custodian of Records shall immediately forward it to the District's legal counsel.
- 3. The District's legal counsel shall determine the District's obligations under the applicable Federal and/or State law(s). If the District is permitted to comply with the Records Request in whole or in part, the District's legal counsel will so notify the District's Custodian of Records, who will assemble the discloseable requested

documents for inspection and/or copying in accordance with applicable Federal or State law.

- 4. If the District's legal counsel determines the District is not permitted by Federal and/or State law (s) to comply with the Records Request in whole or in part, legal counsel shall provide a written response to the party submitting the Records Request stating the legal basis upon which the Records Request in whole or in part is being denied.
- 5. The Custodian of Records may set the time during normal office hours and the place for records to be inspected and require that the Custodian of Records or a delegated employee be present while the records are examined. Pursuant to CORA, all records must be made available for inspection within three (3) working days, unless extenuating circumstances exist. The deadline may be extended by seven (7) working days if extenuating circumstances exist and the requesting party is notified of the delay within the statutory period. Such deadlines may be modified if agreed upon by the Custodian of Records and the requesting party.
- 6. A person granted the right to inspect District records will also be furnished copies requested at a per page cost charged pursuant to CORA. The charge for providing a copy, printout, digital transfer or photograph of a public record in a format other than a standard page will be assessed at the actual cost of production or as otherwise permitted by CORA. Additionally, in those cases where the location or existence of specific documents must be researched and the documents must be retrieved, sorted or reviewed for applicability to the request, including electronic research or formatting, and such process requires more than one hour of staff time, the District may charge a research and retrieval fee as allowed by CORA. Any fee charged for the research and retrieval will be the same for all requesting parties, whether the person requesting the records is an individual, a representative of the media, a public or private entity, or a for-profit or nonprofit entity. Such fee could be waived if extraordinary circumstances are found to exist.
- 7. Upon Records Request for records transmission by a person seeking a copy of any public record, the Custodian of Records shall determine whether such transmission will occur and the manner in which the records will be transmitted whether by U.S. Mail, other delivery service, facsimile, or electronic mail. No transmission fees will be charged to the records requester for transmitting public records via electronic mail unless such transmission involved transfer of documents to a format capable of transmission via electronic mail, in which case such transmission may include a charge as permitted by CORA. Within three days of receiving the request, the Custodian of Records will notify the record requestor that a copy of the record is available but will only be sent to the requestor once the Custodian of Records either receives payment or makes arrangements for receiving payment for all costs associated with records transmission and for all other fees lawfully allowed, unless recovery of all or any portion of such costs or fees has been waived by the Custodian of Records. The notification will include an estimate of the costs and fees

that will be charged; and ultimate charges shall reflect the actual costs consistent with this CORA Policy.

8. When practical, the copy, printout, digital transfer or photograph of the requested record will be made in the place where the record is kept, but if it is impractical to do so, the Custodian of Records may allow arrangements to be made for the copy, printout, digital transfer or photograph to be made at other facilities. If other facilities are necessary, the actual cost of providing requested records will be paid by the person making the request.

ADOPTED this 12th day of December, 2023.

Phillip Trimble, Chair

Gina Writz, Secretary