

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REQUEST**

Please email DPR requests to [milehighordinance@denvergov.org](mailto:milehighordinance@denvergov.org) by **11:00am on Monday.**

**Date of Request: 06/12/2023**

Please mark one:  **Bill Request** or  **Resolution Request**

**1. Type of Request:**

- Contract/Grant Agreement**     **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)**     **Rezoning/Text Amendment**
- Dedication/Vacation**     **Appropriation/Supplemental**     **DRMC Change**
- Other:** Donation of city property

**2. Title:** (Start with *approves, amends, dedicates*, etc., include name of company or contractor and indicate the type of request: grant acceptance, contract execution, contract amendment, municipal code change, supplemental request, etc.)

This bill approves the donation of a historic horse-drawn buggy from the Buffalo Bill Museum collection to the Gilpin County Historical Society.

**3. Requesting Agency:** Denver Parks and Recreation

**4. Contact Person:**

Contact person with knowledge of proposed ordinance/resolution	Contact person to present item at Mayor-Council and Council
Name: Shannon Dennison	Name: Jesús Orrantia
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**5. General description or background of proposed request. Attach executive summary if more space needed:**

The Buffalo Bill Museum is owned and operated by Denver Parks and Recreation and has operated on Lookout Mountain since 1921. The museum purchased a fully restored late 1800s horse-drawn doctor’s buggy in 1988. The buggy has been in DPR storage for a decade and has no direct connection to historical figures or contexts associated with the Wild West show (such as Sitting Bull, Annie Oakley, Buffalo Bill, and others). The museum is currently focused on collecting pieces that tell under-represented and more balanced stories of the Wild West show and that better reflect the myths and realities of the historical American West. (A recent example of this is a collection of photos and a letter written in Spanish by an Argentinian Gaucho about his experience as a world traveler and Wild West performer). The DPR storage space where the buggy is currently located will no longer be available, and it will cost an estimated \$2,400 per year to store the piece in a climate-controlled space. Because the buggy isn’t directly associated with the Wild West show and doesn’t help to tell the museum’s story, the museum is deaccessioning the piece from the collection.

While the buggy does not fit into the scope of the museum’s collection, it does have historical value, and as such should not be sent to surplus for public auction. The Buffalo Bill Museum is member of the American Alliance of Museum, and according to the “Code of Ethics”, a museum’s deaccession activities must conform to their mission and public trust responsibilities. Following these guidelines, when at all possible, best practices for deaccessioning recommend donating the item to another museum, library, archive, or nonprofit institution where the item can still be held in a public collection. The museum staff reached out to multiple Denver-based cultural institutions in search of a new placement but was unable to find a willing recipient within the City and County of Denver. Museum staff then broadened the search to front range museums and cultural institutions. The Gilpin County Historical Society, located in Central City, is willing to accept the buggy, and museum staff determined that the organization is an appropriate recipient of a museum-quality historical piece. Denver Parks and Rec wishes to donate the buggy to the Gilpin County Historical Society. The estimated value of the buggy is approximately \$2,000-\$5,000. Please see attached photo. General Services, who normally handles surplus city property, decided this is the appropriate action and the best interest of the city to donate this city asset.

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6. City Attorney assigned to this request (if applicable): Jason Moore

7. City Council District: n/a (Denver Mountain Parks)

8. **\*\*For all contracts, fill out and submit accompanying Key Contract Terms worksheet\*\***



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