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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the July 19, 2023 City Council meeting on item 2023.MM8.24, Building Up Our Parks and Our Communities - by Councillor Jamaal Myers, seconded by Councillor Amber Morley

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Comments:

To whom it may concern,

Park People would like to express its support for Councillor Myers' motion MM8.24 - Building Up Our Parks and Our Communities. As stated in the motion, "better community participation in governance and programming will lead to more effective investment in, and use of, local parks in a way that allows them to be dynamic and flexible as the local community changes over time."

Muirlands Park is a vital community asset and it is exciting that capital improvements are being considered for the park. It is vital that the city work as closely as possible with the Milliken community to ensure we use the opportunity of capital improvements to maximize the community building, environmental and health benefits of the park.

We look forward to working with Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff, city councillors and community groups as planning for the park proceeds.

Since 2011, Park People has worked to realize city parks' contribution to strong communities, healthy environments, and resilient cities. Park People works with others to advance city parks as essential spaces to connect people to each other and the rest of nature. We believe that parks are an essential part of the transition to equitable cities where people and the rest of nature thrive.

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