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Renewal of Revocable Use Permit

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Mica Gardenscapes Proposal

Who Mica Gardenscapes is: I (Claire Scanlon) am theowner of Mica Gardenscapes, I am a member of the Oak Creek community. I earned a degree in Environmental Design from CU Boulder, and have been working in various aspects of the landscape industry since 2014. In 2021, I started a gardening services company, Mica Gardenscapes. We operated a retail garden center during the summer of 2022, as well as a pumpkin patch in the fall. This was granted through a revocable use permit that I am here to renew.

We plan to grow upon our first season, listening to feedback on plant selections and continuing to offer veggies, herbs and native plants that attract pollinators, lower water use and reduce invasive weeds in their gardens.

2022 Season Recap:

Hosted Yampa Valley Sustainability council in June, with an opportunity for education on native plants.
Hosted Oaktoberfest, we had over 40 kids stopping by and raising $400 for our local youth programs. We also raised money for the humane society thanks to a partnership with Railtown Gallery.
Participated in the weekly Farmers Markets, and hope to become more active in the planning process so the market can continue to give opportunities to other local businesses.
Provided and maintained several large annual pots, as well as small ones enhancing the picnic tables.

What Mica Gardenscapes' goals are:

Grow my company here in Oak Creek.
Keep an amenity that is important to the town - the ability to purchase plants locally.
Being a resource for my neighbors.
Maintain partnership with Yampa Valley Sustainability Council - working with them to host educational opportunities.
Provide native plants, pollinator attractants and low water plants as well as soil mixtures that improve our communities landscapes.
Embed the town park as an essential function of Main Street: work together with neighboring businesses to attract people to stop in town to eat and shop.
Create opportunities for seasonal employment and flexible work for members of our community.

Summary of Mica Gardenscapes' Responsibilities & Contributions to the Town of Oak Creek:

Provide and maintain enhancements to the park, including planters.
Clean up any trash/litter/debris during the operating season.
Provide any water needed for operations.
Provide any power needed for operations.
Provide trash service needed for operations.

Allow access for snow storage as needed, without impeding snow removal operations.
Ensure that as the company grows, so will its contribution to the Town of Oak Creek.

Expected timeline of use:
Early May-begin setting up
Mothers Day - soft opening, small amount of annuals and baskets available for sale
Memorial Day- official opening (weather dependent)
June-September - annual and perennial sales, shade structure added over perennials.
Early September- final plant sales
End of September/ Early October- Fall seasonal sales of pumpkins and pumpkin patch. Hosting of Oaktoberfest - fundraiser for local youth programs and a fun event for families.
November - minimal use for sales, tear down of any remaining displays, make sure all is clean and in order to allow for winter use of park.

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Fair Compensation

All maintenance and enhancements would be done with the goal of creating a more usable space, not just for the retail plant tent, but for town and community use.
The value assigned to these services in estimates are based on current rates for garden maintenance and cost of materials. Because of the nature of this revocable use permit, this plan may be subject to change in future seasons, with respect to the growth of sales and needs of the town.

As compensation for using a portion of a Town Park for a retail garden tent, Mica Gardenscapes would provide the following services to the Town of Oak Creek, at no cost to the town:

Enhancements of the Town Park:
Mica Gardenscapes will build and maintain (7) planters: (3) large planters, (2) medium planters and (2) small planters. These will be placed in ideal locations in the park. This service + plant materials + water cost is valued at$1,600.

Mica Gardenscapes will build and maintain small pots for each of the picnic tables located in town park. This service + plant materials + water cost is valued at$1,000.

Mica Gardenscapes has covered the initial investment to purchase the (7) new planters and (8) small pots suitable for outdoor use that cost approx$960. This is a one time cost in addition to the above service cost.

Maintenance of the Town Park:
Mica Gardenscapes will complete daily trash pick up and ensure there is no debris or litter and control of any noxious weeds growing in the park. This maintenance would include both the space being used by Mica Gardenscapes (as defined in revocable use permit) and the space reserved for use by the town.

Other Contributions:
We remit sales tax to the Town of Oak Creek that otherwise would not be generated by us, as most of our service clients are located in Steamboat. This is a way for us to directly contribute to the economy in Oak Creek.

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Original Use Diagram

- Tent/Shade Structure & Displays
- Temporary Storage Shed
- Pallet & Waste Storage
- Checkout Area
- Planters
- Picnic Tables
- Signage Locations

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Additions for 2023

The only addition planned for 2023 is a shade structure over the perennial area, something similar to below: