

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**City of Woodland Park and Woodland Park School District Re-2**

After more detailed engineering, the City received cost estimates for the Aquatic Center and infrastructure in Woodland Station that far exceeded very preliminary estimates. The infrastructure work in Fountain Creek and the building of Saddle Club Drive from Center Street to West Street could cost several million dollars. The City Council received a recommendation from the City Manager to revisit the possibility of placing the Aquatic Center on school district property near the high school between the bus turnaround and student parking. The Council strongly supported this recommendation.

The Mayor and City Manager met with the School Board and Superintendent and all have agreed to move forward with pursuing this exciting possibility! The entities will soon determine the appropriate mechanism that could allow the City to build on that property. A relocation will save infrastructure and site development dollars. A redesign of the building will allow the facility to take advantage of the unobstructed views of Pikes Peak and should create additional savings.

All the components of the facility are known and will be included in the redesign. Very little, if any, time will be lost in this change. Construction should still begin in the spring of 2016 and finish in the spring/early summer of 2017. Again, a move away from Woodland Station can save millions of dollars and shows strong stewardship and responsible use of taxpayer dollars.