

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO THE LAND AND
WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR CRESCENT HARBOR PLAYGROUND
RENOVATION**

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, administered by Alaska Department of Natural Resources, was created to assist local governments by financing up to 50% of the cost (\$25,000 - \$125,000) for the development of outdoor recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the guiding document for LWCF projects, the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, lists upgrade of existing high-demand recreational facilities, in particular playgrounds, as the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly approved "Comprehensive Plan" and "Sitka Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Plan" goals support projects that provide healthy activities that benefit citizens of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Crescent Harbor Playground renovation was a goal of the Sitka Health Summit in 2011 and in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly listed the project as a State Legislative priority for three years; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Parks Division and Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee have listed the upgrade of playgrounds as a deferred maintenance priority since 2007; and

WHEREAS, all children need access to safe playgrounds regardless of their abilities and currently Sitka is lacking a playground that is classified as fully ADA accessible and inclusive to children of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Crescent Harbor Playground renovation project when completed will stimulate active and imaginative play, attract more youth to participate in healthy activity; and

WHEREAS, the new playground will be built from sustainable and safe materials that will require minimal maintenance in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, Crescent Harbor Playground renovation project is a collaborative, partnership project between the City Parks Division, the citizen Community Playground group, Rotary and

Southeast Alaska Independent Living, organizations which recognize the importance of playground that engages Sitka's 1669 children under 13 years old in active and imaginative play; and

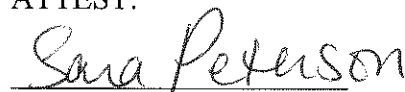
WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka in partnership with the Playground Steering Committee will commit to a 50:50 match to grant funds with in-kind labor, in-kind services and donations to complete the Crescent Playground renovation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Administrator of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska is hereby authorized to negotiate, execute and administer any and all documents and contracts required for the application and acceptance of a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant to the City and Borough of Sitka and to manage those funds on behalf of the entity.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly on the 11th day of October, 2016.


Mim McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sara Peterson, CMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 10/11/16