

Memo

To: City and Borough of Sitka Assembly

From: Jay Sweeney, Interim Municipal Administrator 

Date: May 23, 2013

Re: Municipal Support of Downtown Revitalization Plan

Mayor McConnell and Assembly Members,

Mayor McConnell, Michael Harmon and I met yesterday with members of the Downtown Revitalization Group in regards to their proposal for immediate beautification efforts for the downtown area. The meeting was very positive and productive, with a good exchange of ideas among the attendees.

The plan proposed by the Group contains numerous recommendations for partnering and/or financial support from the Municipality. Rather than go through the laborious process of discussing each recommendation one by one, I would propose that the Assembly (1) authorize the commitment of municipal resources to this effort and (2) direct Administration to determine which of the recommendations can be accomplished cost effectively within a fixed budget.

Along these lines, I would recommend that the Assembly appropriate \$25,000 from the FY2013 budget towards this effort, with the Acting Finance Director recommending a suitable re-appropriation to the Interim Administrator from existing unspent FY13 appropriations.