

Should this item be pulled from the consent agenda the following motion is suggested:

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

**I MOVE TO** approve Resolution 2016-21 on first and final reading.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, ALASKA  
SUPPORTING THE RENAMING OF THE FOREST AND MUSKEG TRAIL TO  
THE "BEN GRUSSENDORF TRAIL"

**WHEREAS**, Ben Grussendorf Jr. led the development of the City and Borough of Sitka, serving as Chair of the Charter Commission in 1970, on the Assembly from 1970 to 1979, and serving two terms as Mayor from 1975-1979; and

**WHEREAS**, during that tenure the citizens of Sitka noted his leadership skills, his ability to listen to opinions, and his honesty. Grussendorf worked diligently and tirelessly on behalf of Sitkans; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1980, Ben Grussendorf was elected to the Alaska House of Representatives, where he served 20 years, including six years as House Speaker. He served on the Alaska Municipal League's Legislative Committee and two terms as President of the Alaska Conference of Mayors; and

**WHEREAS**, Grussendorf developed a statewide reputation for his respect and knowledge of the wilderness and its habitat and was appointed to the Alaska State Board of Game, where he proudly served for 10 years. Grussendorf enjoyed hiking, fishing, hunting and looked forward to time spent outdoors; and

**WHEREAS**, Ben's leadership and knowledge were held in high regard and sought after frequently, and he served as a mentor to many. It is fitting that the City and Borough of Sitka commemorate the name of a man who dedicated many years of service to his community and State of Alaska.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska by this resolution is in support of renaming the Forest and Muskeg Trail to the "Ben Grussendorf Trail" in honor of his service to Sitka and that it be formally known only by that name or the shorter referenced version of "Grussendorf Trail".

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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Matt Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sara Peterson, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

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## Parks and Recreation Committee

Thursday, September 15, 2016 12:00PM  
Harrigan Centennial Hall  
330 Harbor Drive

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**Members:** Chair – Jeff Mossige, V.Chair - Clara Whitehead, Chris Whitehead,  
Lorraine Lil, Barbara Morse, Allison Massey  
**Assembly Liaison:** Benjamin Miyasato  
**Ex Officio:** Lynne Brandon,

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mossige called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05PM.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Chair Jeff Mossige, Lorraine Lil, Barbara Morse, Allison Massey

**Absent:** Clara Whitehead, Chris Whitehead

**Assembly Liaison:**

**Staff:** Assistant Contract Coordinator/Office Manager Wanda Bush, Senior Engineer Stephen Weatherman

**Other(s):** Mike Trainor with National Parks

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M – Lil moved to approve the August 11, 2016 minutes**

**IV. REPORTS**

**Chair –**

**Members -**

**Staff –** Morse asked if it possible to have an Ex-Officio from the Forest Service attend – Ann Marie is the contact.

**Assembly Liaison –** Miyasato reported that this possibly to be his last attendance.

**Other(s) –** Trainor stated that the contract for Castle Hill is until October 31, 2016. They will continue to pick up the garbage.

**V. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CORRESPONDENCE**

None


**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Update on Community Playgrounds/Crescent Harbor Playground –** Nothing to report, Lynne absent.

**B. Pet Etiquette (Recommend to the Assembly dogs per person ratio when walking) –** Lil stated that it is not enforcable and believed better signage is the best answer. Ask Michael Colliver if some of the signs he said there were, have been posted yet.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Nelson Logging Road Project Briefing** - Stephen Weatherman, Senior Engineer and Project Manager, presented maps and discussed that 65% of the plans were complete and he would return at a later date to discuss the progression of the project.

 **B. Muskeg Trail Proposed Name Change** - Marge Ward spoke of Ben Grussendorf. She would like the support of the Park and Recreation committee to honor Ben and support the renaming of the Muskeg Trail to The Ben Grussendorf Trail. The trail is State land and the parking lot belongs to CBS. Miyasato stated that he would let the Assembly know that this committee supported this and has carried a motion.

**M - Lil/S - Massey moved to Recommend to the Assembly, their support to the family to honor Ben Grussendorf and change Muskeg Trail to "The Ben Grussendorf Trail". Motion carried unanimously.**

**C. Goals Matrix/Deferred Maintenance** - Not Available yet. This will take some time to prepare.

**D. Reason For Playground Closures** - Nothing to report, Michael absent.

**VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

Phyllis Hackett stated that she is here also to support the Muskeg Trail name change to The Ben Grussendorf Trail. She spoke of Ben's many accomplishments and respect from this community for him.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**A. Agenda items for the next regular meeting of October 13, 2016**

Agenda items for the next meeting would include Community Playgrounds/Crescent Harbor Playground Update, Pet Etiquette, Goals Matrix and Reason for Playground Closures. These meetings are open to the public.

**M - Massey. Seeing no objection, Chair Mossige adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:51 PM.**

Attest:  
Wanda Bush, Asst. Contract Coordinator/Office Manager