

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

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

**I MOVE TO** approve Resolution 2017-19 on first and final reading.

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## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Mayor Hunter and Assembly Members  
Keith Brady, Municipal Administrator

**From:** Lynne Brandon, Executive Director, Sitka Trail Works

**Date:** September 6, 2017

**Subject:** Resolution of Support for Recreational Trails Grant Application

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**Background:**

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) offers grants up to \$50,000 for trail repair projects and is administered by Alaska State Parks. Sitka Trail Works (STW) regularly applies for RTP grants to assist with repairs to City and other Sitka area trails. As a part of the grant application is a requirement for a resolution of support from the local governing body.

For the last two years STW acquired RTP grants to affect major repairs to Alaska State Parks' Mosquito Cove trail. RTP grant funds were used in 2015 to repair the City section of Herring Cove Trail. These three projects were a result of a partnership effort between STW and US Forest Service Sitka District trail crew. In the past STW also received RTP funds for upgrades to the City's Cross Trail.

**Analysis:**

This year's grant is for repairs to the Sea Lion Cove trail. The last major work was completed on this trail in 2001 and the trail is currently in poor condition. The Boat Company, a small cruise ship company, has offered to help fund the project. Since the State Parks' Sea Lion Cove trail is in "passive management" due to the closure of the State Parks office here July 1, 2015, Sitka Trail Works has prioritized this trail for the RTP grant this year.

**Fiscal Note:**

There is no City funding requirement or obligation for CBS funds, staff time or match in association with this grant application.

**Recommendation:**

Approve Resolution 2017 – 19 in support of Sitka Trail Works RTP grant application.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA SUPPORTING THE SITKA TRAIL WORKS, INC. GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF ALASKA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR REPAIRS TO THE SEA LION COVE TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, Sea Lion Cove trail is of high value trail for Sitka residents for recreation, physical fitness and for activities for small cruise ship visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, this project was developed according to the 2003 Sitka Trail Plan to which the City and Borough of Sitka and Alaska State Parks and Sitka Trail Works are plan partners; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska State Parks relinquished management of this trail as of July 1, 2015 and has no trail maintenance planned; and

**WHEREAS**, damage and erosion of the trail from heavy use has occurred since the last major repair project in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, Alaska State Parks, the Boat Company and Juneau Trail Mix are partnering with Sitka Trail Works to complete the repair work; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal is for trail repairs to make a more sustainable trail into the future that will last another 20 years; and

**WHEREAS**, these repairs will restore the trail to safe condition for public use; and

**WHEREAS**, the project match requirement will be met by Sitka Trail Works and the Boat Company.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, by this resolution, affirms and supports the grant application from Sitka Trail Works to the State of Alaska Recreational Trails Program for \$50,000 maximum in grant funding for repairs to the Sea Lion Cove Trail.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017.

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Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sara Peterson, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> and final reading 9/12/17