

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA
AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
RASMUSON FOUNDATION FOR CRESCENT HARBOR PLAYGROUND RENOVATION**

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;

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee passed a motion of support at their November 2016 meeting for a City Rasmuson grant application for the Crescent Playground renovation;

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;

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

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 Public Works Department, the citizen volunteer Community Playground group, Rotary and Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL), Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium, Sitka Community Hospital Foundation and Mt. Verstovia Masonic Lodge, organizations which recognize the importance of a playground that engages Sitka's 1669 children under 13 years old in active and imaginative play.

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 Rasmuson grant to the City and Borough of Sitka and to manage those funds on behalf of the entity.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska, on this 28th day of March, 2017.


Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sara Peterson,
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 3/28/17