

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015 - 02

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA, ALASKA, SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND AT CRESCENT HARBOR PARK

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka constructed the Crescent Harbor park in 1972 with the last upgrade to a play structure in 2002;

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka "Comprehensive Plan" and "Sitka Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Plan" have as goals to provide healthy activities that benefit citizens of all ages;

WHEREAS, the Community Playground was a goal of the Sitka Health Summit 2011 and in 2014 the project received the third most votes;

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

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 2006;

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

WHEREAS, full accessibility will be possible and safety will be enhanced by expanding the playground to include one of the three Crescent Harbor Park tennis courts; and

WHEREAS, a well-designed 21st Century playground 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 minimum maintenance in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee, Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission, neighbors and attendees of a community playground public meeting have voiced support for the use of Crescent Harbor Park and one of the three tennis courts; and

WHEREAS, the Community Playground Group is committed to partnering with the CBS Parks and Recreation Division and the Parks and Recreation Committee to build an upgraded, vibrant community playground project, to make it a reality by extensively fund raising and

48 soliciting in-kind contributions and to help create an engaging community space: A space that
49 honors Sitka's cultural diversity and inspires multi-generational play.

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51 **WHEREAS**, Community Playground project is a collaborative, partnership project
52 between the City Parks Division, the Sitka Parks and Recreation Committee, the citizen
53 Community Playground Group, Rotary and Southeast Alaska Independent Living, all
54 organizations which recognize the importance of playground that engages Sitka's children in
55 active and imaginative play;

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57 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka,
58 Alaska supports the location of the Community Playground at Crescent Harbor Park.

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60 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka,
61 Alaska on this 27th day of January 2015.

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Mim McConnell, Mayor

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64 ATTEST:

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Sara Peterson, CMC

Acting Municipal Clerk

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