

**CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA**

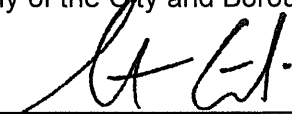
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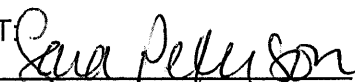
**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA (CBS) AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** outdoor recreation is beneficial to Sitka's public health, quality of life and economy; and
- WHEREAS,** the National Park Service - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program provides free technical assistance to communities engaged in outdoor recreation planning; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sitka Comprehensive Plan 2030 identifies the need to "Coordinate and Communicate Regularly with Recreation Providers about Funding, Programming and Maintenance" and "Expand and Facilitate Community Use of Parks, Trails and Recreation"; and
- WHEREAS,** prior recreation planning processes in 2002 and 2011 identified shared community goals for specific facilities and led to the successful development of many parks and trails that now benefit Sitkans; and
- WHEREAS,** existing plans for parks and recreation are out of date and no longer provide sufficient direction to city staff and partner organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sitka Parks & Recreation Committee has endorsed the creation of an updated maintenance and development plan for CBS lands; and
- WHEREAS,** there is no financial obligation and no obligation that the CBS implement any recommendations included in any future plans; and
- WHEREAS,** a parks and recreation planning process could gather citizen input and identify shared priorities for maintenance and development; and
- WHEREAS,** a plan for Sitka's parks and trails will provide the documentation needed for the CBS and partners to guide future work and seek competitive funding.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka hereby authorizes the CBS Municipal Administrator to apply to the National Park Service - Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 23rd day of February 2021.

  
Steven Eisenbeisz, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Sara Peterson, MMC  
Municipal Clerk

1<sup>st</sup> and final reading 2/23/2021

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