

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2019-018

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MASTER PLAN FOR TOWN SQUARE PARK, GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF G STREET, WEST OF E STREET, NORTH OF 6TH AVENUE, AND SOUTH OF 5TH AVENUE, IN ANCHORAGE.

(Case 2019-0111)

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Parks and Recreation, for approval of a master plan for Town Square Park, generally located east of G Street, west of E Street, north of 6th Avenue, and south of 5th Avenue.

WHEREAS, public hearing notices were published, posted, and mailed, and a public hearing was held on September 9, 2019.

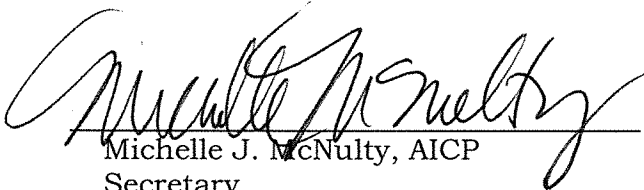
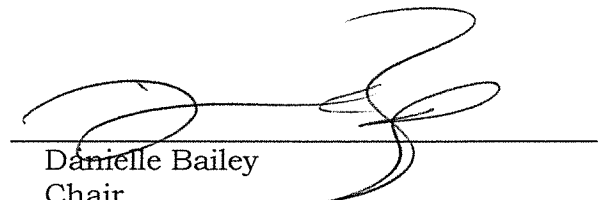
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission that:

- A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:
1. The Parks and Recreation Department carried out an extensive, impressive two-year public engagement process.
 2. The Town Square Park Master Plan provided valuable references and research regarding design elements used in other cities, including what those elements look like and how they have fared when implemented.
 3. The Town Square Park Master Plan creates a needed framework to make improvements to Town Square Park, which includes operational and safety needs. Important strategies for energizing the area through programming are also provided, such as by providing spaces for food trucks, markets, and supportive restroom facilities.
 4. Vehicle traffic from the 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue couplet have contributed to isolating Town Square Park and the Anchorage Center for the Performing Arts in a way that makes it challenging to access either facility, especially for those with disabilities. Such one-way couplets are not good for the people that live or work in the area. The Town Square Park Master Plan provides recommendations to address this issue with support for the conversion of 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue to two-way streets.
 5. As designs are furthered for Town Square Park, adjacent areas should be incorporated to the extent feasible, specifically the southeast plaza of the Anchorage Center for the Performing Arts and the western edge of the Park to ensure the two facilities are integrated.

- B. The Commission approves the Town Square Park Master Plan, subject to the application and plans submitted and on file with the Planning Department.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission the 9th day of September 2019.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Municipal Planning and Zoning Commission this 7th day of October, 2019. This written decision/resolution of the Planning and Zoning Commission is final and any party may appeal it within twenty (20) days to the Board of Adjustment pursuant to the Anchorage Municipal Code 21.03.050.


Michelle J. McNulty, AICP
Secretary
Danielle Bailey
Chair

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(Parcel No. 002-101-38, 002-101-37, 002-101-23, 002-101-22, 002-101-21)