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Prepared by: Assembly Counsel
For reading: December 19, 2006

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date: 12-19-06 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2006-330

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY REMEMBERING THE
LIFE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF RUTH MOULTON TO THE CITY OF ANCHORAGE AND
REQUESTING THAT HER NAME BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC FACILITIES
ADVISORY COMMISSION WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DESIGNATE
ANCHORAGE'S TOWN SQUARE OR A SIGNIFICANT INTEGRAL FEATURE THEREOF
IN HER MEMORY.**

WHEREAS, Anchorage has lost one of its finest citizens with the unexpected passing of Ruth on November 17, 2006, leaving her brother Willard, sister Leah, and nieces and nephews of several generations; and

WHEREAS, Ruth Moulton was born in 1931 in Portland, Maine, and grew up in the family apple orchard in Sebago Lake Village along with her two sisters and brother; and

WHEREAS, as a young girl, Ruth Moulton read Jack London's CALL OF THE WILD and took off on her own adventure with her dog, only to be retrieved by her grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Ruth visited Alaska in 1959 and returned to stay in 1960, teaching high school English, history and social studies, as well as working for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and numerous other jobs such as taxi driver, secretary, and researcher; and

WHEREAS, Ruth was a faithful member of the Anchorage Unitarian Universalist Fellowship; and a longtime resident of the Fairview community, where she "lived the town meeting philosophy" engrained in her New England upbringing as a tireless neighborhood advocate;

WHEREAS, Ruth's real love was being in the natural world out-of-doors, and she was an environmentalist long before the word became a label; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Ruth was an avid and accomplished athlete, hiking, climbing, biking, skiing and walking — from Mount Kilimanjaro to the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, she crossed the Chilkoot Pass three times and was planning another trek even as her health waned; and

WHEREAS, Ruth left her mark on everything she was determined to accomplish with her vocal and steady civic presence, an unwavering, principled community activist who worked twenty-five years through elections and lawsuits to help bring the Town Square project to fruition; and

WHEREAS, Ruth was a founding member of Friends of Neighborhoods in the 1990s and mastered the use of the initiative petition; and

WHEREAS, legend has it that it took Ruth only one hour and a clipboard on a public street to convince a former mayor to abandon plans for a road through Town Square shortly after the Performing Arts Center was built; and

WHEREAS, in the regular election of October 2, 1984, Ruth Moulton's Initiative Proposition 1 successfully amended the Anchorage Charter to incorporate ARTICLE XX. BLOCK 51, TOWN SQUARE DEDICATION, to dedicate Block 51 of the Original Townsite of Anchorage as a town square park providing open space in the downtown city center; and

WHEREAS, under the policy and criteria guidelines of AMC 3.97, by virtue of Ruth Moulton's special efforts, accomplishments and contributions, especially her many years working to make Town Square a reality, she has achieved public status worthy of long-term recognition; and

WHEREAS, to honor Ruth Moulton and the municipality by naming the town square plaza or other integral town square area appropriately serves to recognize this exceptional citizen and meet the policy and criteria;


NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:

To honor and remember Ruth Moulton by submitting her name to the Public Facilities Advisory Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission with a recommendation to designate Anchorage's Town Square or a significant integral feature within the Town Square in her memory.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of December, 2006.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

ARTICLE XX. BLOCK 51, TOWN SQUARE DEDICATION

Section 20.01. [Dedication of land.]

That portion of Block 51 of the Original Townsite of Anchorage which is at the effective date of this Charter amendment owned by the Municipality of Anchorage, or thereafter acquired by the Municipality of Anchorage, is hereby dedicated for use as a town square park providing open space in the downtown city center.

(Initiative, prop. 1, 10-2-84)

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SAMPLE BALLOT

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REGULAR ELECTION
OCTOBER 2, 1984

MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL BALLOT B

PROPOSITION 1 CHARTER AMENDMENT— TOWN SQUARE DEDICATION

The Home Rule Charter for the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, is hereby amended by the addition of Article XX which shall provide as follows:

ARTICLE XX.

Block 51, TOWN SQUARE DEDICATION

Section 20.01. That portion of Block 51 of the Original Townsite of Anchorage which is at the effective date of this Charter amendment owned by the Municipality of Anchorage, or thereafter acquired by the Municipality of Anchorage, is hereby dedicated for use as a town square park providing open space in the downtown City center.

Section 20.02. No buildings may be placed, erected, or retained on the lands hereby dedicated, except that any buildings existing thereon at the effective date of this Charter amendment which have been, or shall be, designated as historic sites by an authorized authority of the Municipality of Anchorage may be retained, maintained and restored for exclusive use in a manner consistent with the dedication.

Section 20.03. Underground uses of the lands hereby dedicated shall be permitted if, and only if, such uses are determined by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission and the Municipal Assembly to be consistent with the dedication, and if such underground uses do not cause the grade of the town square to be above or below street level.

Section 20.04. If any part of this Charter amendment shall be declared to be invalid, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect. If this Charter amendment shall be found to be invalid as to a portion of the lands covered, it shall remain in full force and effect as to other lands.

YES +
NO +

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CARD OVER

VOTE BOTH SIDES

I HAVE VOTED



HAVE YOU?

PROPOSITION 2 ADVISORY ELECTION ON THE DISPOSAL OF PUBLIC LANDS

Shall the following described public lands be deposited by the Municipality of Anchorage in the Heritage Land Bank for retention or future disposal?

Lands generally situated within the vicinity of 8th and L Streets and more specifically described as Lots 7A, 8A and 9A of Block 84, Anchorage Original Townsite, according to the Plat No. 76-30, Anchorage Recording District, Third Judicial District, State of Alaska.

A YES vote will recommend that the Municipality deposit the above parcels to be held for parking and/or possible expansion of municipal facilities or other public purposes in the Heritage Land Bank; a NO vote will advise the Municipality to dispose of the property at a competitive public sale. (AR 84-220)

YES +
NO +

Ruby E. Smith
Municipal Clerk
October 2, 1984

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VOTE BOTH SIDES

Municipality of Anchorage



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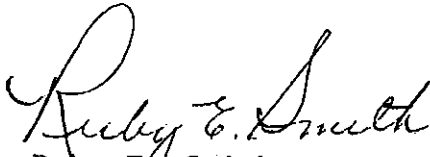
July 20, 1984

Ms. Ruth Moulton
120 W. 11th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Ms. Moulton:

The petition that was submitted to this office on July 11, 1984 for a ballot proposition amending the charter by adding Article XX, Block 51, Town Square Dedication has been checked and found to have sufficient signatures to place the question on the October 2, 1984 Regular Election ballot.

Sincerely,


Ruby E. Smith
Municipal Clerk

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