



**TOWN SQUARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**March 3, 2008**

**A RESOLUTION**

Whereas, citizens regard Town Square Park as a place of peace and beauty in the heart of Anchorage;

Whereas, certain changes to Town Square Park are contemplated in association with improvements to the 'E' Street Corridor;

Whereas, in their review of the 'E' Street Corridor Improvements project the Urban Design Commission requested review by an advisory body of proposed modifications to Town Square Park and coordination with the design consultant of those modifications;

Whereas, the advisory body, "The Town Square Advisory Committee" is composed of six members duly appointed by the Mayor of Anchorage;

Whereas, the Town Square Advisory Committee represents a diverse mix of users within Town Square Park and concerned citizens, including close friends and family of those most associated with the creation of the park itself, Avis Cupples, Shirley Brundage, and Ruth Moulton;

Whereas, the Town Square Advisory Committee met on seven occasions and also held a well-advertised and well-attended public meeting on February 11, 2008;

Whereas, the Town Square Advisory Committee met with the consultants as directed by the Urban Design Commission;

Whereas, the Town Square Advisory Committee has analyzed the public input received at the public meeting;

Whereas, the Town Square Advisory Committee weighed the interests of the current and anticipated users of the park and the interests of those who were responsible for its creation;

Whereas, the Town Square Advisory Committee received testimony that determined that noise and traffic are primary detractors to uses within Town Square Park;

Whereas, the Town Square Advisory Committee received testimony that determined that 'E' Street could be used to accommodate gatherings within Town Square by providing a stronger connection from 'E' Street to Town Square Park than now exists;

Whereas, these connections can be accommodated via a widened entry from the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue/E Street corner and via an existing alley;

Whereas, a connection to 'E' Street would remove pressure from lawn, berms and vegetation that are subjected to abuse when Town Square is used for public gatherings;

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Whereas, existing plantings on the east side of the park should be retained the maximum extent possible;

Whereas the proposed modifications replicate to a large degree Schematic Design Drawings that were contemplated early in the original Town Square design process; now therefore

**THE TOWN SQUARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE RESOLVES:**

Town Square Park as approved by the Urban Design Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission in 1987/1988 should be amended as shown on plans attached to this resolution.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Square Advisory Committee this day of 4th March, 2008.

  
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John Blaine, Chair

ATTEST:  
  
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Nickel LaFleur, Vice Chair