



GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2023-002

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND TRAILS PLAN FOR GOVERNMENT HILL

WHEREAS, Government Hill is one of Anchorage's four original neighborhoods, is rich with Alaskan history, and is home for an ethnically and economically diverse group of residents; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 *Government Hill Neighborhood Plan* aims to promote the orderly growth, improvement, and future development of the Government Hill neighborhood, and identifies parks and open space as integral to the community and to maintaining a safety buffer between residential and industrial use; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Government Hill Community Council passed Resolution 2019-005 in favor of planning and prioritizing park projects; and

WHEREAS, based on the community's interest in a system-wide planning approach, the Plan identifies and prioritizes future investments in parks, trails, and recreation facilities, addresses community recreation needs, documents issues and concerns, and provides implementation strategies to improve parks and trails in the Government Hill neighborhood over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Plan also captures common themes and community values like maintaining non-motorized connectivity throughout the neighborhood and managing forest health and maintaining identified scenic views for public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Plan provides six overarching goals for park improvements including to 1) take care of existing assets, 2) add wayfinding and other amenities throughout parks and trails, 3) expand year-round recreational opportunities, 4) manage greenbelt forest health, 5) improve non-motorized connections to parks and trails, and 6) work across agencies to advance recreational use of opportunity sites; and

WHEREAS, the Plan makes recommendations ranging from small Clean-and-Green Improvements to larger Capital Improvements for the East and West Bluff Greenbelts, 8 municipal parks, and the Government Hill Commons; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks and Recreation will continue to work with the Government Hill Community Council to implement park projects and recommendations from the Plan;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Government Hill Community Council supports the proposed Government Hill Neighborhood Parks and Trails Plan and recommends plan approval by the Parks and Recreation Commission.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Government Hill Community Council on March 16, 2023.

by a vote of: FOR 13, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 0.

Signed:



Jody Sola, President