

Introduced by: Manager Herron
Date: March 12, 2002
Action: Passed
Vote: Unanimous

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

RESOLUTION #02-07

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING YUUT ELITNAURVIAT/THE PEOPLE'S LEARNING CENTER PROJECT AND SUPPORTING THE DONATION OF CITY LAND TO THE PROJECT

WHEREAS, The City of Bethel is one of nine consortium partners for the People's Learning Center, and these regional partners have embarked on a significant initiative to establish a regionally serving educational and vocational learning center in Bethel, and;

WHEREAS, To address the economic inadequacies of the region, the project will place more local and Native people in high-wage jobs—the ultimate purpose of the People's Learning Center, and;

WHEREAS, The People's Learning Center will provide services to both youth and adults needing additional skills to enter high skilled, high wage jobs to further baccalaureate or graduate programs, and;

WHEREAS, Other partners have contributed in-kind dollars to the project—LKSD: \$75,875 project coordinator, \$10,000 travel, \$450 legal fees, \$1,500 printing fees and \$25,000 preliminary feasibility study; YKHC: \$1,200 legal fees and \$3,000 travel; AVCP RHA: \$750 legal fees; AVCP Inc.: \$300 legal fees, and;

WHEREAS, There have been 10 executive board meetings with time value of more than \$5,000; there have been 12 program planning meetings with time value of approximately \$3,360.

WHEREAS, Additionally other partners plan to contribute long-term dollars to the project for operations and maintenance, and the City of Bethel has land to offer which would be a one-time investment to the project rather than ongoing operation and maintenance dollars, and;

WHEREAS, Although the land contribution will amount to a large in-kind contribution compared to the initial in-kind dollars of other partners, the other partners will contribute dollars ongoing equaling approximately \$1.6 million annually, and;

WHEREAS, Four million dollars for construction has been secured for the project, and Governor Knowles has placed \$900,000 in the capital budget, and;

WHEREAS, All secured and potential funds are contingent on land donation, and the in-kind contribution of land by the City of Bethel is critical for construction to get underway, and;

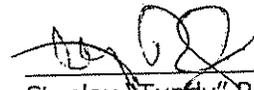
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WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission passed Resolution #01-04 identifying a parcel of land to be considered for the People's Learning Center, and recommended that the City precisely define 10 acres of this parcel of land as the future site of the People's Learning Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Bethel, Alaska, supports the People's Learning Center and supports donating land to the People's Learning Center.

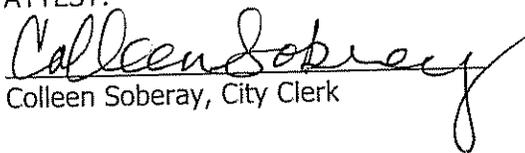
Be it further resolved that, in an effort to move forward, the City Council directs City Administration to formally identify 10 acres of land for possible donation and directs that City Administration present the identified 10 acres of land to the Council for consideration.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF MARCH 2002, by a unanimous voice vote.



Stanley "Turdy" Rodgers, Mayor

ATTEST:


Colleen Soberay, City Clerk