

Introduced by: Don W. Baird, City Manager  
Date: October 25, 2005  
Action: Passed  
Vote: Unanimous

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 05-38**

#### **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTIUSE RECREATION FACILITY IN BETHEL**

**WHEREAS**, the community of Bethel, with 5,888 permanent residents, currently has no public or private facility that offers a variety of indoor recreation opportunities, such as the use of a swimming pool, fitness center, or gymnasium on a daily basis;

**WHEREAS**, the need for a community recreation facility was expressed by the public as a priority in the 1979 Community Comprehensive Plan and has been mentioned in every community plan since 1982;

**WHEREAS**, the Community Economic Development Strategy Plan (2003), co-produced by the City of Bethel and Orutsararmiut Native Council, is a plan containing input from the Bethel community over the course of one year that recommends that the City of Bethel work with other partners to "develop healthy activities for youth and adults" and "obtain funds to construct and build recreational center;"

**WHEREAS**, Agnew Beck Consulting, LLC is developing a multiuse recreation facility plan for the City of Bethel that incorporates broad community input, including the use of surveys, stakeholder interviews, and input from two community meetings;

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel City Council and City Administration have had an opportunity to comment on the multiuse recreation facility plan;

**WHEREAS**, a multiuse recreation facility that offers people a range of activities in which to engage, such as swimming, racquetball, volleyball, running, arts and crafts, karate, ballet, and aerobics, offers many benefits to residents and visitors: increased health and longevity, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities, a place to socialize and be a spectator or participant, and incentive for the recruitment and retention of employees;

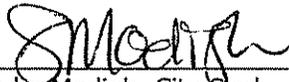
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bethel City Council supports a multiuse recreation facility in Bethel and recommends a multi-organizational approach to its design, construction, and operation.

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**ENACTED THIS 25<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2005 BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN FAVOR.  
OPPOSED.**

  
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R. Thor Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Sandra Modigh, City Clerk