

Introduced by: Bob Herron, City Manager
Date: 3-22-05
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CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 05-10

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A FULL APPLICATION FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE FROM THE FY04 LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE PINKY'S PARK UPGRADE 2005 PROJECT

WHEREAS, the 2003 Community Economic Development Strategy Plan for the City of Bethel calls for the City to "Develop healthy activities for youth and adults;"

WHEREAS, engaging in outdoor physical recreation activities, like softball, skateboarding, basketball, and running have proven to reduce diabetes, obesity, and fatigue and increase circulation, respiration, and muscle strength;

WHEREAS, Bethel's youth, teenagers, and young adults have expressed a desire for an outdoor skatepark and Pinky's Park is an ideal centralized location for such a skatepark;

WHEREAS, the Pinky's Park Upgrade 2005 project meets three priorities identified in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan: upgrade existing high-demand facilities, upgrade trails, and provide more facilities for individuals who are disabled;

WHEREAS, the Pinky's Park Upgrade 2005 project includes the following improvements: skatepark and bleachers, permanent restrooms, baseball safety netting, six-car parking lot, trees, signs, and community garden;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel's preliminary application for funding assistance from the FY 04 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Grant Program scored high enough to be fully funded;

WHEREAS, to secure the LWCF funding, the City of Bethel must now complete and submit a full application with greater project detail and supporting documents;

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program requires the sponsor's share to be 50% of total project costs, which is in the application budget at \$109,015 in-kind and \$5,000 cash;

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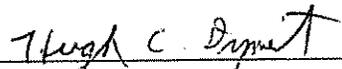
WHEREAS, the City's proposed in-kind donation comes from a variety of sources: grants funded and pending (\$56,333), Public Works Department labor, sand, and equipment use (\$39,766), Parks and Recreation Department, Administration Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and community volunteers;

WHEREAS, the tentatively awarded Federal share for the project is \$114,464, of which \$24,480 must be used for State Administrative Costs;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel's Parks and Recreation Committee demonstrated their support for the Pinky's Park Upgrade 2005 project by issuing a Recommendation to City Council in support of this resolution;

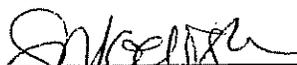
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council approves the preparation and submission of a full application for funding assistance from the FY04 Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program to support the Pinky's Park Upgrade 2005 Project.

ENACTED THIS 22nd DAY OF MARCH, 2005 BY A UNANIMIOUS VOTE.



Hugh Dymont, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Modigh, City Clerk