

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager  
Date: August 23, 2011  
Action: Passed  
Vote: 6-0

## *CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA*

### **Resolution # 11-24**

#### **TUNDRA RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK DEVELOPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bethel's Tundra Ridge neighborhood park for children occupies a rectangle shaped piece of land located in Bethel alongside Park Avenue, Ayaginar Street, and Nengqerralia Street;

**WHEREAS**, although the park lot is small (229 ft. by 53 ft.), it is the only public open space available for recreation in the Tundra Ridge neighborhood;

**WHEREAS**, the park lacks a proper security fence around its perimeter, access ramps, signage, borders, and sufficient surface material;

**WHEREAS**, nearly all of the playground equipment that was in the park has been removed after being classified as Priority One Hazards, the highest risk category in a Certified Playground Safety Inspection;

**WHEREAS**, a volunteer group from the Tundra Ridge neighborhood is committed to raising funds to purchase and install new playground equipment, borders, surface material, and fencing in order to develop a "new" park on-site;

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the new park is expected to be \$60,000 - \$100,000, and will be raised entirely by the Tundra Ridge volunteer group;

**WHEREAS**, the City's Parks and Recreation Department, with its staff of Certified Playground Safety Inspectors, is working with the neighborhood group to design a new park, purchase the proper equipment, install it correctly, and make the site secure, safe, and ready for fun;

**WHEREAS**, the City is committed to conducting regular park inspections, performing routine maintenance tasks, and making minor and major repairs to park facilities when necessary;

**WHEREAS**, the Bethel Community Services Foundation agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for the park's fund-raising campaign, receiving and tracking funds collected;

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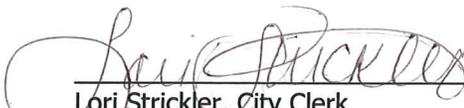
**WHEREAS**, when sufficient funds are raised to enable the purchase of playground equipment, fencing, supplies, materials, etc., Bethel Community Services Foundation will transfer the funds to the City of Bethel so that the City can complete the purchases, oversee installation, and ensure the park is developed according to National Playground Safety Institute standards;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bethel City Council supports the fund-raising efforts of the Tundra Ridge neighborhood volunteers, supports the assistance offered by the Bethel Community Services Foundation, and supports the guidance, direction, and oversight that will be provided by the City's Parks and Recreation Department in developing, maintaining, and repairing Tundra Ridge Park;

**ENACTED THIS 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2011 BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.**

  
Eric Middlebrook, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lori Strickler, City Clerk