

GOVERNMENT HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION 2017-04 A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT HILL BLUFF TRAIL EXTENSION

WHEREAS, a 1921 map of Government Hill shows a trail on the West Bluff, and these primitive trails on the Government Hill bluff represent one of Anchorage's oldest transportation corridors which have evolved with the city over the years, connecting Government Hill to a changing landscape of jobs, schools, shopping, and recreational opportunities. Some portions of the trails have been cleared, forgotten, rediscovered, and overgrown many times over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Government Hill Community Council (GHCC) engaged in an extensive public process in 2012 with various municipal agencies to develop the Government Hill Neighborhood Plan consistent with MOA Title 21 and MOA Ordinances 20.02.130; and

WHEREAS, an important feature of the Government Hill Neighborhood Plan calls for revitalization of the neighborhoods trails and walkways to enhance the neighborhoods green spaces and the connectedness of both people and places. The plan was unanimously approved by the GHCC and the Anchorage Assembly February 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, with the assistance of the National Park Service, Alaska Region, Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program an opportunity now presents itself to extend the Government Hill bluff trail network to the north and connect it to the existing trail system on the south face of the bluff (see attached map); and

WHEREAS, a dedicated group of neighborhood volunteers working with the National Park Service are now ready to reconnect the historic Government Hill trail network with ground breaking planned for Spring 2018.

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supports the bluff trail extension project and looks forward to the benefits it will bring.
PASSED AND CERTIFIED this 21st. day of September, 2017.
APPROVED: Melinda Gant
Melinda Gant, President
This resolution passed by a vote of <u>17</u> in favor, <u>0</u> opposed, and <u>1</u> abstentions.

Government Hill Bluff Trail Extension

- Draft route along western and norther end of the bluff
- Typical design to match existing historic trail network



Approximate Path in Red



Will be similar to this trail on the South Bluff