

**DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2024-07**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF UPGRADES AT PERATROVICH PARK**

WHEREAS, Peratrovich Park is a cornerstone of Downtown Anchorage and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, providing greenspace and infrastructure for live music, vendors, art, and tourism; and

WHEREAS, \$700,000 was included in the 2023 municipal parks bond for upgrading Peratrovich Park; and

WHEREAS, this funding enabled Anchorage Parks and Recreation to carry out a site planning process to identify ways to renovate the space, with the goals to enhance accessibility, safety, and amenities to better serve residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage Project Management and Engineering Department (PM&E) is concurrently designing upgrades on W 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue adjacent to Peratrovich Park, between E and F Streets, allowing the Municipality to coordinate a compatible design and align construction schedules for maximum public benefit; and

WHEREAS, the site planning process included consultations with an Advisory Group of downtown stakeholders and business owners who worked with the planning team to identify park issues, community needs, and design priorities; and

WHEREAS, common themes that the community wanted to address included preserving and highlighting the amphitheater as a gathering space, providing area for vendors and flexible activity, addressing feelings of safety and security in the park, improving walkways and travel patterns, ensuring the park serves all-season activity, and celebrating Alaskan stories, including those of the park's namesakes, Elizabeth and Roy Peratrovich; and


WHEREAS, the site plan proposes to address these themes by renovating and widening walkways, opening up sightlines and travel patterns through the park, upgrading park lighting, and creating revitalized space for local and visitor engagement with Alaskan culture around the amphitheater, the Log Cabin, and Old City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks and Recreation plans to seek approval from the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Urban Design Commission for the proposed improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the efforts of Anchorage Parks and Recreation in utilizing this funding to revitalize the space are recognized and supported by the community council and stakeholders.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Downtown Community Council on September 11, 2024.

Resolution passed unanimously.



Silvia Villamides, DTCC President