

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY IN SUPPORT OF THE KNIK TRIBAL COUNCIL'S 2018 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANT APPLICATION.

AGENDA OF: April 17, 2018

Assembly Action:

RS 18-022- Adopted under consent agenda
@ 4/17/18 RM

MANAGER RECOMMENDATION: Present to the Assembly for consideration.

APPROVED BY *for* JOHN MOOSEY, BOROUGH MANAGER: *John Moosey*

Route To:	Department/Individual	Initials	Remarks
	Originator, T. Eischeid	<i>T/E</i>	
	Planning and Land Use Director	<i>EP</i>	
	Borough Attorney	<i>AB</i>	
	Borough Clerk <i>for</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>	4/9/18 <i>[Signature]</i>

ATTACHMENT (S) : Fiscal Note: YES _____ NO X
Resolution Serial No. 18-022 (2 pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Knik Tribal Council cultural specialist approached the Planning Division to request a letter of support from the Borough for a grant application they are submitting. The grant application, titled "2018 National Park Service Tribal Heritage Grant", seeks to test cultural materials from Knikatu Inc. parcels in the Borough that were surveyed in 2016-16. Testing data will be used to answer research questions on early Dena'ina culture within the Borough, as well as determine eligibility of these sites for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

This project supports many of the Borough's historic preservation interests as outlined in MSB 4.46, Historical Preservation Code. We believe this support will help protect our community's cultural resources and strengthen historical preservation partnerships. Due to timing and quorum issues, the Historical Preservation Commission was unable to take action on this request at their meeting on March 29, 2018.

Staff respectfully requests Assembly approval of the resolution in support of this grant application.

Action:

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 18-022**

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WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historical Preservation Commission is to advise the Assembly in the identification of sites and objects within the borough that are of historic, cultural or geographic importance; and

WHEREAS, the surveying of sites is a necessary condition in identifying sites and objects of historic importance; and

WHEREAS, code requires the Historical Preservation Commission coordinate, assist and aid in the planning of historical preservation and restoration projects in the borough; and

WHEREAS, the Knik Tribal Council recently asked the Historical Preservation Commission to provide a letter of support for a grant application titled "2018 National Park Service Tribal Heritage Grant" due in early May; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 grant application will allow them to continue work with the testing of the 73 cultural features found on six of the parcels identified in an earlier cultural resource survey in 2016; and

WHEREAS, this testing will consist of obtaining soil samples and completing a chemical analysis to determine the existence of fire hearths and other cultural significant items; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Preservation Commission was unable to act on this request prior to the grant application deadline due to lack of a quorum; and

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Historic Preservation Plan places significance on preservation of historic items; and

WHEREAS, the knowledge gained from the results of this grant project will be beneficial to the preservation of our historical assets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly supports the Knik Tribal Council's 2018 National Park Service Tribal Heritage Grant application.

ADOPTED by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly this ____ day of _____, 2018.

VERN HALTER, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

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