



TRANSMITTAL MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: March 23, 2021

RE: **Resolution No. 21-2804 – Authorizing A Grant Application To The Office Of History And Archaeology For The Purposes Of Funding Historical Interpretation Signage; And Establishing An Effective Date**

The attached resolution was prepared by Museum Director Anita Maxwell, who requested that it be placed before the City Council for consideration at its meeting of April 1, 2021. If adopted, Resolution No. 21-2804 provides for authorizing a grant application by the Ketchikan Historic Commission to the Office of History and Archaeology's State Historic Preservation Office to fund the design, production and installation of historical interpretation signage. Specifically, the Historic Commission intends to apply for \$17,000, which requires a local match of \$14,000 that will be funded through volunteer time of Historic Commission and Historic Ketchikan members and through paid time of Museum Department staff. The rationale for the grant application is detailed in Ms. Maxwell's transmittal memorandum and requires no elaboration on the part of my office. I concur with the Museum Director's recommendation.

The City Council should note that prior to acceptance of a grant, should one be awarded, the City, the Historic Commission and Historic Ketchikan intend to enter into an agreement to transfer ownership and maintenance of the "Colorful Characters & Places" signs to the City.

The Museum Director will attend the City Council meeting of April 1, 2021, in order to address any questions and/or concerns that Councilmembers may have.

A motion has been prepared for City Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the motion approving Resolution No. 21-2804 authorizing a grant application to the Office of History and Archaeology for the purpose of funding historic interpretation signage; and establishing an effective date.

Recommended Motion: I move the City Council approve Resolution No. 21-2804 authorizing a grant application to the Office of History and Archaeology for the purpose of funding historic interpretation signage; and establishing an effective date.



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MEMORANDUM

Date March 22, 2021

To: Karl Amylon, City Manager
Lacey Simpson, Assistant City Manager

From: Anita Maxwell, Museum Director

Subject: **Resolution No. 21-2804, Grant application for Historical Interpretive Signage**

On behalf of the Ketchikan Historic Commission, I would like to request a resolution for a grant application to the Office of History and Archaeology's State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to fund 10 "Colorful Characters & Places" historical interpretive signs in the Downtown Historical District, in partnership with Historic Ketchikan. The grant request of \$17,000 would provide funding to Historic Ketchikan through the Commission for research, design, production and installation. In-kind support totaling \$14,000 would be provided through the volunteer time of members of the Historic Commission and Historic Ketchikan as well as Museum staff time.

The Historic Commission, Historic Ketchikan, Inc. and Ketchikan Museums have partnered over the years to protect and share our community's history and heritage in many ways: surveys of our many historic properties, National Register recognition of our historic districts and an interpretive signage program to educate our residents and visitors about our rich cultural heritage. A Memorandum of Agreement will be executed with Ketchikan Museums, the Ketchikan Historic Commission and Historic Ketchikan to outline signage ownership and responsibilities for existing and future Colorful Characters & Places signage should the grant be awarded.

Fifteen "Colorful Characters & Places" signs currently tell the stories of the Stedman-Thomas Historic District and the Creek Street Historic District. This grant would allow us to expand the signage program to the Downtown Historic District (designated in 2017) and to utilize newly available signage materials that are proving to be resistant to vandalism and extreme weather.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a motion approving Resolution 21-2804 supporting a grant application to the Office of History and Archaeology for the purposes of funding 10 "Colorful Characters & Places" historical interpretive signs in the Downtown Historical District.

Recommended Motion: I move the City Council approve Resolution 21-2803 supporting a grant application to the Office of History and Archaeology for the purposes of funding 10 "Colorful Characters & Places" historical interpretive signs in the Downtown Historical District.

CITY OF KETCHIKAN, ALASKA

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2804

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KETCHIKAN FOR A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION SIGNAGE

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan is a Certified Local Government (CLG) in Alaska and as such is an eligible application for a CLG grant from the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF); and

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan has an established Ketchikan Historic Commission who is responsible for the continuing education of citizens regarding historic preservation and the history of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan Historic Commission recognizes the value and impact of sharing local history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchikan Historic Commission has met with Historic Ketchikan and commend and whole-heartedly support their efforts in sharing of our history; and

WHEREAS, the CLG Grant will provide funding for the development, production and installation of 10 “Colorful Characters & Places” interpretive signs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Ketchikan, Alaska as follows:

Section 1: That a CLG grant application be submitted by the City of Ketchikan for the purposes of completing the above stated historical interpretive signage.

Section 2: The City of Ketchikan designates Anita Maxwell, member of the Ketchikan Historic Commission as the Grant Manager of the project.

Section 3: Anita Maxwell as the representative of the Ketchikan Historic Commission, will work with all members of the Commission and Historic Ketchikan for the successful completion of the project.

Section 4: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED and APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council for the City of Ketchikan on this ___th day of _____, 2021.

Robert Sivertsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kim Stanker, City Clerk