

Government Hill Community Council

Resolution #2020-02

A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A GOVERNMENT GRANT  
APPLICATION BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE FOR THE  
GOVERNMENT HILL WIRELESS STATION ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY

**WHEREAS**, during the completion of the *Original Neighborhoods Historic Preservation Plan* the Wireless Station, located at 123 E. Manor Ave. at the corner of Boyd and Manor streets on Government Hill, was identified as a "Land Mark to Save" due its distinctive architecture and historic role in establishing both the Anchorage community and telecommunications for pre-statehood Alaska; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wireless Station was constructed by the Alaska Engineering Commission as Anchorage's sole communication link to the outside world from 1917 through 1931; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wireless Station was constructed with a small cupola and light, presenting a distinctive architecture relative to the early 1900s, and was used as an aid to navigation for boats and ships transiting the Cook Inlet to the Port of Anchorage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Planning and Real Estate Departments met with Government Hill residents on 12/14/2016 to formulate a development plan and recommendations for the Wireless Station (Attachment A); and

**WHEREAS**, a development plan and recommendations were included in a Request for Proposal in 2017, which received no responses and consequently diminished prospects for repairing and reusing the Wireless Station as a community center on its current site; and

**WHEREAS**, continued deterioration of the Wireless Station building is of ongoing concern to the Government Hill community and the Municipal Historic Preservation Program and

**WHEREAS**, the Government Hill Community Council wishes to support a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Fund grant sought by the

Municipality of Anchorage to be used to complete an architectural survey and recommendations that may be needed to stabilize, repair or renovate the building; and

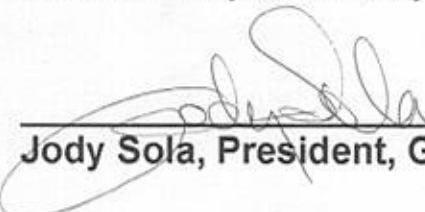
**WHEREAS**, the Wireless Station architectural survey and recommendations could be included in a park master planning effort currently in progress by Government Hill and the Municipal Parks and Recreation Department,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Government Hill Community Council supports the Wireless Station Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Fund 2020 grant for the architectural survey.

Adopted by the Government Hill Community Council at its regular meeting on January 16th, 2020.

**Resolution Vote:** For: 10 Against: 0 Abstain 0

is resolution was approved by the Government Hill Community Council on the 16th day of January 2020.

  
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**Jody Sola, President, GHCC**