

**CITY OF HOUSTON  
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-PC-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSTON PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FORWARDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL, TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH SUSITNA ROTARY TO IMPROVE THE TRAIL FROM LITTLE SUSITNA RIVER DAY PARKING WESTWARD TO THE MILLER'S MARKET BOAT LAUNCH, AND A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP WITH SUSITNA ROTARY TO CREATE A NEW PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH ON PUBLIC LANDS ACCESSED ON SUSITNA DRIVE FROM ARMSTRONG ROAD.**

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**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Houston Municipal Code 7.06.030 the Planning and Zoning Commission shall make recommendations to the City Council on the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019 the Rotary Club of Susitna Alaska, "Rotary" approached the City with a proposal that included a scope of work to build a pavilion and improve the boat landing area in the Little Susitna River Campground Day Use Area known as the Day Use Area; and

**WHEREAS**, that pavilion and boat landing area were completed in 2020, allowing for open air recreation in the City of Houston; and

**WHEREAS**, the pavilion and boat landing area are used heavily during summer, and it has become an extremely popular site for locals and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Susitna Rotary has approached the City of Houston and inquired about expanding the services provided at the site with a riverside walking trail of approximately one-quarter to one-half mile to nearby local businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the popularity and utility of the pavilion and riverside recreation area is evidence of a need in our community to expand open air recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Susitna Rotary desired to replace the function of the original unofficial motorized boat launch that was lost with the 2020 improvements to the Day Parking area; and

**WHEREAS**, an upriver boat launch sited at Susitna drive would allow boaters to access the river and use the Day use area for takeout; and

**WHEREAS**, the Susitna Rotary has offered to take lead on planning, designing, obtaining permits, and construction to complete this project in the same manner that the Pavilion was designed, permitted, and constructed between 2019 and 2020.

**WHEREAS**, the Houston Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee passed Resolution 23-PARC-01 on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 in support of the aforementioned partnership and projects and forwarded their recommendation up to the Planning and Zoning Commission; and

Introduced By: Public Works  
Introduction Date: April 27, 2023  
Action: Approved  
Approved Date: April 27, 2023  
Vote: Yes: Meister, Siivola, Johnson  
Absent: Heger, Roberts

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Commission does hereby forward the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Houston Parks and Recreation Committee to the Houston City Council to:

1. Partner with Susitna Rotary by dedicating funds and support for the construction of a riverside walking trail that begins and terminates at the Little Susitna River Campground Day Use Parking area.
2. Partner with Susitna Rotary by dedicating funds and support for the construction of a motorized and non-motorized boat launch onto Little Susitna River from a property selected by the City and Rotary.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** By a duly constituted quorum of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Houston, Alaska on April 27, 2023.

  
Deb Meister, Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Rebecca Rein, City Clerk

Introduced By: Christian Hartley, PARC Chair  
Introduction Date: April 6, 2023  
Action: Approved  
Approved Date:  
Vote: (Yes) Kuse, Stavick; Rein  
(No)  
(Absent) Mietzah Damkoehler; Hartley

**CITY OF HOUSTON  
PARC COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-PARC-01**

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**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Houston Municipal Code 7.10.020 the purpose of the Parks and Advisory Commission is to develop, support, and advise the City Council on all matters pertaining to City Parks, recreational programs, and projects; and

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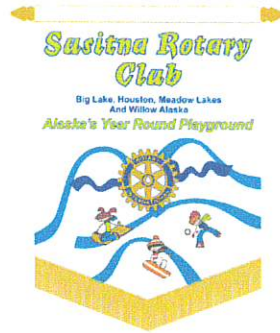
**PASSED AND APPROVED and ADOPTED** by a duly constituted quorum of the PARC Commission for the City of Houston, Alaska on April 6, 2023.



Christian M Hartley, Chair  
Houston Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission

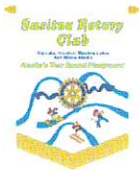
**ATTEST:**

  
Marilyn Bell, Deputy Clerk



Budget for City of Houston – Little Su River Trail with Susitna Rotary, April 6, 2023

The Susitna Rotary Club respectfully submits this project budget to the City of Houston:



**River Trail budget for City of Houston - Susitna Rotary Club, April 2023**

<u>item</u>	<u>detail</u>	<u>cost</u>
<b>New Upper Boat Launch</b>	permitting, plan development - tentative	\$ 3,000
	design, River Trail and Houston Parks, connectivity	\$ 1,500
		<b>\$ 4,500</b>
<b>Parks Hwy Launch, River Trail</b> Interpretive Signs Josh the Otter	printing, metal 12" x 24" storyboards	\$ 1,200
	welcome signs, interp. at parking area	\$ 750
	posts and footers, hardware	\$ 3,850
		<b>\$ 5,800</b>
Gravel ADA-leveled trail	road cloth, 2 rolls 12' x 432' = 850 linear feet	
	\$467/roll x 2 rolls = 1,700 linear feet	\$ 1,000
	gravel, 4" thick x 4' w x 1,700' trail = 84 yards, \$9/yd	
	parking approach area, extra, get 100 yards	\$ 900
	uses Reflections Lake example, State Game Refuge	<b>\$ 1,900</b>
Short Boardwalks, wet areas near parking	\$240/linear foot (\$60/ft, DPOR) x 20 feet	\$ 4,800
	uses Wasilla Creek boardwalk example, Refuge	<b>\$ 4,800</b>
Platform - fish viewing, picnic spot	\$60/square foot (DPOR), 10' x 15'	\$ 9,000
	uses Wasilla Cr. platform example, Refuge	
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>		<b>\$26,000</b>