

By: Council Member Taffina Katkus
Public Hearing: 05/22/12
Adopted: 05/22/12

**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 12-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION SUPPORTING THE
CREATION OF A COMMUNITY GARDEN AND THE ASSOCIATED TASK FORCE.**

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2012, the Wasilla City Council adopted AM No. 12-02, confirming the goals and initiatives for FY2012 and FY2014; and

WHEREAS, Goal 7 states: Preserve and enhance the quality of life for current and future residents of Wasilla and for visitors to this community; and

WHEREAS, Initiative No. 35 states: Continue to encourage and promote cultural and recreational programs, events, and activities to improve the quality of life of the City's residents and visitors through the use of City facilities (such as parks, museums and library); and

WHEREAS, Initiative No. 36 states: Establish citizen focus groups and continue to conduct community surveys to assist in the development of long-term plans and policies to accommodate future growth; and

WHEREAS, a community garden meets Goal 7, Initiative Nos. 35 and 36; and

WHEREAS, a community garden would enhance the quality of life, providing opportunity for public civic involvement; and

WHEREAS, a community garden would build civic pride and civic cooperation; and

WHEREAS, a community garden would provide educational opportunities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, a community garden would provide opportunity to improve health and experience outdoor family recreation;

WHEREAS, a community garden would provide positive sustainable growing practices for food;

WHEREAS, a community garden would provide resources to the citizens to create a cultural and social atmosphere that would engage the citizens and the city government in a positive meaningful way; and

WHEREAS, a community garden will add beautification and public relations opportunities for the citizens of Wasilla and visitors; and

WHEREAS, a community garden is an effective way to utilize some of our natural resources such as any dredge material from the Lake Lucile project; and

WHEREAS, the City's Mission statement is: It is the mission of the City of Wasilla to provide optimum service levels to the public as cost effectively as possible to ensure a stable and thriving economy, promote a healthy community, provide a safe environment and a quality lifestyle, and promote maximum citizen participation in government; and

WHEREAS, a community garden would meet four of the five objectives of the City's mission statement; and

WHEREAS, citizens can benefit in the creation and ownership of a community project through involvement in an associated task force; and

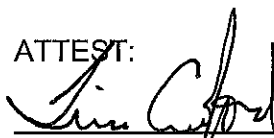
WHEREAS, by creating a task force we are inviting and encouraging the involvement of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, this task force allows our citizens a chance to succeed, to dream, to learn, to educate, to empower and to have a higher quality of life while contributing to our city by being involved and sharing their experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission supports the creation of a community garden and the associated task force.

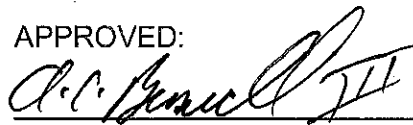
ADOPTED by the Planning Commission on May 22, 2012.

ATTEST:



Tina Crawford, AICP, City Planner

APPROVED:



A.C. Buswell, III, Chairman

VOTE: Passed Unanimously