RESOLUTION 16-83

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation and Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Florida Greenways and Trails Priority Land Trail Network is accepting applications for the Year 2016 Florida Shared-Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Network); and

WHEREAS, the City has created and continues to enhance a system of paved and unpaved footpaths throughout the City to be used as recreational trails for bicycling, day hiking, jogging and similar fitness activities, which trails are commonly referred to and known as "Gayle's Trails"; and

WHEREAS, the recreational use of Gayle's Trails in the City of Panama City Beach, which connect or will connect the City to the statewide Florida Greenways and Trails System, is an asset of the City that is and will be utilized by the public at large, including residents and visitors to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the expansion of the Gayle's Trails system proposed by construction of the eastern extension of Gayle's Trails from the eastern boundary of the Trieste subdivision to the western boundary of the Breakfast Point subdivision, a project anticipated to cost approximately One Million Dollars, will extend and enhance the use of this trail system for the recreational and educational enjoyment of residents and visitors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the appropriate officers of the City are authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the City that certain Application and supporting documentation for the City's nomination of the City's Gayle's Trails Eastern Portion Project for the Program.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the City be awarded a 2016 Florida Shared-Use Non-Motorized (SUN) Trail Network Grant for the extension of Gayle's Trails Eastern Portion, the City covenants to budget and appropriate funds adequate to fund 50% of the project costs.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED in regular session this 26 day of May, 2016.

CITY OF PANAMA CITY BEACH

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Memorandum

To:

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CC:

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From:

Paul Casto

Date:

May 19, 2016

Subject:

Resolution in Support of the Proposed Extension of Gayle's

Trails Eastern Portion

The Florida Shared-Use Non-motorized (SUN) Trail Network is authorized under 339.81, F. S. Furthermore, The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is directed to make use of its expertise in efficiently providing transportation projects to develop a statewide system of paved non-motorized trails as a component of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (FGTS), which is planned by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Therefore, the City will be applying for construction funds June 20, 2016 through the FDOT SUN Trail program which has approximately \$25 Million budgeted by the Florida Legislature. A letter of support is one of the criteria necessary to complete the application and file for future funding. The proposed eastern expansion of Gayle's Trails will start on the east side of Trieste Subdivision and terminate at Breakfast Point Subdivision. There is an existing 10' wide concrete trail within Breakfast Point Subdivision that will eventually connect to Wildwood Road around the proposed Bay County Sports Complex. This piece is an integral part to safely connect Arnold High School and residents of Waterfall Subdivision as well as Breakfast Point (see attached map).

Staff requests a resolution of support be approved in order to move forward with pursuing the additional funding necessary to extend and enhance the use of Gayle's Trails for recreational and educational enjoyment of residents and visitors.



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