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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2968

A Resolution Naming City and Borough of Juneau Property Legally Described as Archipelago Lot 2A “Peratrovich Plaza” in Honor of Elizabeth Peratrovich

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich – whose Tlingit name is K̓aaxgal.aat, a member of the Lukaax̓.ádi clan of the Raven moiety – was born on July 4, 1911, in Petersburg, Alaska, during a time of extensive segregation in the territory; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich lived in various small Southeast Alaska communities during her childhood, eventually settling in Juneau in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich was a civil rights activist and Grand President of the Alaska Native Sisterhood; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Peratrovich was instrumental in the passage of the historic Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945 (Territory of Alaska H.B. 14 (1945)); and

WHEREAS, in 1988, the Alaska State Legislature established February 16 of each year as Elizabeth Peratrovich Day; and

WHEREAS, on July 12, 2021, the CBJ Assembly approved Resolution 2961 authorizing the installation of a Elizabeth Peratrovich mural on the Marine Parking Garage; and

WHEREAS, the 60’ x 28’ mural was designed and painted by Juneau artist Crystal Rose Demientieff Worl, Deg Hit’an Athabascan from Fairbanks on her mother’s side and of the sockeye Clan of the Raven moiety and a child of a Thunderbird from the Chilkat region in Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Docks & Harbors Board, in recognition of the newly installed mural and as a means to provide a wayfinding landmark, recommends naming the adjacent property legally described as Archipelago Lot 2A to *Peratrovich Plaza*, as an appropriate tribute to Elizabeth Peratrovich for the newly constructed infrastructure between the Marine Parking Garage and Pier 49; and

WHEREAS, naming the property as Peratrovich Plaza supports the Comprehensive Plan's objective to preserve and protect the unique culture of Juneau's Native People and promote responsible heritage tourism that accurately represents Juneau's unique history.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. The property legally described as Archipelago Lot 2A is hereby named "Peratrovich Plaza."

Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately after its adoption.

Adopted this __ day of November, 2021.

Beth A. Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

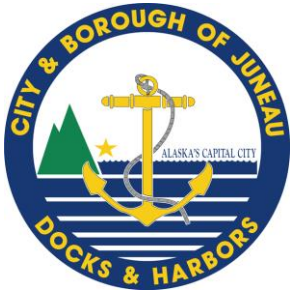
Elizabeth J. McEwen, Municipal Clerk

The image shows a screenshot of a web-based aerial map application. A yellow line outlines a specific parcel on the map. A mouse cursor is hovering over this parcel, which has triggered a 'Parcel Identify Results' pop-up window. The window displays a table of information for the selected parcel, including tax ID, owner, address, and various utility and assessment details. The background is a dark aerial photograph of a waterfront area with buildings and a pier.

Parcel Identify Results

Showing result 1 of 1

PARCEL	
Tax ID	1C070K830023 (assessor summary)
Owner(s)	City and Borough of Juneau Lands and Resources; L Resources
Previous owner(s)	ARCHIPELAGO PROPERTIES LLC
Site address(es)	388 S Franklin St
Mail address(es)	155 S Seward St - Juneau, AK 99801
Legal description	ARCHIPELAGO LT 2A
Lot square feet	88,133
Lot acres	0.8754
Zoning	(WC) Waterfront Commercial
Road system	yes
Fire service	yes
Water available	yes
Sewer available	yes
Year built	NA
Living area	0
Assessment year	2021
-- assessed value	0
-- land value	0
-- building value	0
-- exemptions	0



Port of Juneau

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From: Port Director
To: Docks & Harbors Board
Via: Docks & Harbors Operations-Planning Committee
Date: September 17th, 2021
Re: Renaming New Infrastructure: Peratrovich Plaza

1. In December 2020, the DWI (Downtown Waterfront Improvement) project was completed. This \$12.5M project expanded the Seawalk and added bus staging area in a property lot recognized in the Assessor's Data base as Archipelago Lot 2. The term Archipelago is often used by Docks & Harbors staff to describe this general area. Docks & Harbors staff has contemplated other appropriate names which would provide wayfinding opportunities to this area along the waterfront, but none were generally descriptive to the new development.

3. Crystal Worl, with partnership with CBJ, created and recently installed a 60 foot by 25 foot mural of Elizabeth Peratrovich along the face of the south-facing wall of the City and Borough of Juneau's Downtown Public Library and Marine Parking Garage. This mural is now a promulgate feature in the area which Docks & Harbors manages.

4. The Docks & Harbors Board has previously made recommendations to the Assembly regarding facilities names. It seems appropriate to consider renaming this portion of the Seawalk and the bus staging area: Peratrovich Plaza or something similiar. Docks & Harbors staff has not yet consulted with the designer of the mural nor the Peratrovich family. An interesting historic side note, is that the consulting engineering firm for the development is PND Engineers. The "P" stands for Roy Peratrovich, Jr who is the son of Elizabeth.

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Encl: (1) Photo of Mural on Marine Parking Garage
(2) Biography of Elizabeth Peratrovich



A Mural in Downtown Juneau to Commemorate Elizabeth Peratrovitch

‘Elizabeth Peratrovich—whose Tlingit name is *Kaaxgal.aat*, a member of the Lukaax̂.ádi clan of the Raven moiety—was born on July 4, 1911 in Petersburg, Alaska during a time of extensive segregation in the territory. She was lovingly raised by adoptive parents, living in various small Southeast Alaska communities throughout her childhood. With a passion for teaching, Peratrovich attended college in Bellingham, Washington where she also became reacquainted with her husband, Roy Peratrovich, who was a student at the same school. The couple married and moved to Klawock, Alaska where their role in local politics and Elizabeth’s knack for leadership drove her heavy involvement with the Alaska Native Sisterhood, one of the oldest civil rights groups in the world, leading to her eventual appointment as the organization’s Grand President.

Seeking better access to lawmakers who could help effect change, the Peratrovichs moved in 1941 with their three children to the Alaskan capital of Juneau, where they were met with blatant discrimination. When attempting to buy a home in their new city, they were denied when the sellers saw they were of Alaska Native descent. Instances like these were unfortunately common for Alaska’s Indigenous peoples and further motivated Peratrovich to take action in the name of systemic change.

Elizabeth and Roy worked with others to draft Alaska’s first anti-discrimination bill, which was introduced in 1941 and failed to pass. On February 5, 1945 following years of perseverance, a second anti-discrimination bill was brought before the Alaska Senate, and Peratrovich took to the floor to deliver an impassioned call for equal treatment for Indigenous peoples. She was met with thunderous applause throughout the gallery, and her moving testimony is widely credited as a decisive factor in the passage of the historic Anti-Discrimination Act of 1945.’ - Google



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