

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Planning Department – Land Management Division

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kelly Cooper, Assembly President  
Members, Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly

**THRU:** Charlie Pierce, Mayor *CP*  
Max Best, Planning Director *MB*

**FROM:** Marcus Mueller, Land Management Officer *mm*

**DATE:** January 23, 2019

**RE:** Ordinance 2020-*06*, Authorizing a Community Trail Management Agreement on Borough Land within the City of Soldotna with Shimai Toshi Garden Trails, Inc. (Mayor)

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Shimai Toshi Garden Trails, Inc. has applied to develop a Japanese garden and trail system on an approximately 7-acre area of borough property within the northwest corner of the parcel containing the campus for Soldotna High School.

A Community Trail Management Agreement (CTMA) has been prepared that provides a management plan for the garden and trail system that will be used to balance this use of the land with other interests of the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The CTMA and management plan only authorize phase one of the development. Subsequent phases will require additional authorization from the Assembly.

Phase one facilities include:

- Approximately 2,700 linear feet of gravel trails 5 to 8 feet in width
- Outdoor garden areas containing species native to Alaska
- Installation of a rotunda, approximately 30 feet in diameter, containing a 6-foot tall sculpture and plaque that reads as follows:

*Shimai Toshi "Sister City" Garden Trails are to honor the KPB's sister city Akita-shi, Akita, Japan. This garden is a symbol of peace, hope, and survivorship in remembrance of WWII. We hope this garden becomes a healing space for all veterans, and a place to foster harmony, peace, well-being, and education for all who visit.*

*100% of your donation supports future developments and maintenance of this space.*