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PARKS & RECREATION

PRC RES NO. 2013-02

Enclosed Off-Leash Dog Park Space at Arctic Benson Park

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long term vision of our park system by ensuring that a balance of parks, natural resources, and recreation facilities provides for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Parks & Recreation currently manages five designated off-leash dog park spaces in the Municipal park system; and

WHEREAS, the five designated dog park spaces do not provide enclosed facilities; and

WHEREAS, there are no designated off-leash dog park spaces located in the Midtown or Downtown community council districts; and

WHEREAS, level of service standards identified in the Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource and Recreation Facility Plan project the need for seven dog park spaces in the Municipal park system by 2020; and

WHEREAS, Arctic Benson Park is a small neighborhood park in Midtown with a history of unwarranted activity that has negatively affected established park uses; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Police Department has received over 600 requested calls for service at the park since January of 2010; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Midtown Community Council passed a resolution in support of an enclosed dog park space at Arctic Benson Park; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) selected Arctic Benson Park as a 2013 Neighborhood Park Fix-it project; and

WHEREAS, the project's Very Important Park (VIP) Committee prioritized the installation of an enclosed off-leash dog park space with legislative funding through APF; and

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WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Department supports an enclosed dog park space to activate Arctic Benson Park with a positive use that will complement established park uses and discourage unwarranted activity; and

WHEREAS, the Department believes existing on-street parking surrounding the park can accommodate additional park activity and users; and

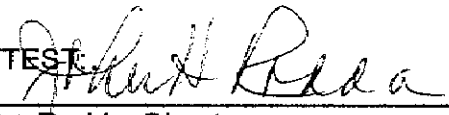
WHEREAS, the dog park space as currently designed will allow Parks Maintenance to adequately access and maintain the facility; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission support plans for an enclosed off-leash dog park space at Arctic Benson Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks & Recreation Commission this 10th day of January, 2013.



Chair
Parks & Recreation Commission

ATTEST:


John Rodda, Director
Parks & Recreation Department