

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ASSEMBLY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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Meeting Date: May 24, 2011

1 **To: THE HONORABLE DAN SULLIVAN**
2 **ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY**

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4 **From: ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION**

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6 **Subject: Bi-annual Anchorage Park Foundation Board Report on Park**
7 **Investments**

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9 2011 marks the seventh summer construction and volunteer work season for the
10 Anchorage Park Foundation (APF), and it promises to be the busiest and most
11 efficient yet. APF utilizes all varieties of private and public funding sources and
12 volunteer hours to accomplish park improvements and offer funding for recreation
13 opportunities. The APF board seeks to make it easy for this community to
14 contribute to keep our parks *Clean & Green, Safe & Secure*.

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16 APF has two full time staff, seven volunteer board members, and we work closely
17 with municipal staff to implement projects. The board appreciates the continuing
18 support of the Anchorage Assembly and the Municipality of Anchorage staff as we
19 work to seek supplemental resources and community support for parks, trails, and
20 recreation programs.

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22 APF work has resulted in private, federal, and state investments, and a tremendous
23 amount of volunteer support that has a cash value. Since its inception, the APF has
24 raised more than **\$15.8 million** for Anchorage Parks. Specifically, the APF board
25 has

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- 27 • Raised \$7,660,026 in private dollars or state/federal grant funding;
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- 29 • Leveraged over \$4,738,816 in volunteer time and materials;
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- 31 • Secured an additional \$1,160,984 in Rasmuson Foundation challenge grants
32 (pledged funding if we meet their specified challenges);
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- 34 • Secured an additional \$1,915,789 in State legislative funding for
35 reimbursement;
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- 37 • And secured an additional \$483,924 in Federal funding for reimbursement.
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1 Furthermore, APF is the named manager of more than \$2 million in the 2012 draft
2 state capital budget.

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4 To date APF has spent \$7,687,604 in cash for park improvements.

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6 We have identified 46 construction projects for summer 2011 between our
7 neighborhood parks, challenge grants, Youth Employment in Parks projects, and
8 other special community park projects. This year APF is contracting for project
9 management and will issue construction contracts directly, a new arrangement for
10 APF that is proving to be very cost effective.

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12 APF is bridging a gap in government capacity by providing private funders options
13 for giving, with particular focus on enhancing and taking better care of our
14 **neighborhood parks**. Volunteers in 2008 completed park assessments that gave
15 APF information for fix-it lists and park report cards. Using the volunteer identified
16 park improvements, APF worked with the Parks and Recreation Department and
17 volunteers to renovate 14 parks in 2009, 8 parks in 2010, and we have 7 parks
18 scheduled for work this summer. You are invited to join us and volunteer with your
19 constituents for these projects, each scheduled on Saturdays from 9am-noon:
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21 [Harvard Park](#) - May 21st on Government Hill--COMPLETE

22 [Cope Street Park](#) - June 11th in Spenard

23 [Carlson Park](#) - June 18th in Rogers Park

24 [Ira Walker Park](#) - June 25th in Russian Jack

25 [Little Dipper Park](#) - July 9th in Scenic Foothills

26 [Sand Lake Park](#) - July 16th in Sand Lake

27 [William B. Lyons Park](#) - July 23rd, in Mt. View adjacent to the Boys & Girls Club

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29 APF issued 17 **Challenge Grants** to groups committed to improving a park in 2010,
30 and this summer each project should be in full swing construction mode. Volunteers
31 will match their grants with cash, volunteer hours, materials, or a combination. For
32 more information on any of these exciting projects see

33 <http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/projects/2010challengegrantcampaign.htm>.

34 Tennis courts, community gardens, hockey rinks, and neighborhood parks are
35 among the projects we will help to promote and complete before the snow flies.
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37 **Youth Employment in Parks** starts its fifth season of parks and recreation work
38 this June. Park improvement projects include:

- 39 • University Lake Park (USFWS grant)
- 40 • Cheney Lake Park (USFWS grant)
- 41 • Ship Creek (USFWS grant)
- 42 • Davis Park Trail (State legislative capital grant)
- 43 • Harvard Park (State legislative capital grant)
- 44 • Beaver Dam Trail, Girdwood
- 45 • Far North Bicentennial Park (US Forest Service grant)
- 46 • Kincaid Single Track (State legislature capital grant)
- 47 • Smaller day projects may include: William B Lyons Park, Fairview Lions
48 Park, Sand Lake Park

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50 Recreation crews will provide free healthy outdoor recreation opportunities in Davis

1 Park and Goose Lake every summer afternoon Monday – Friday from June 13 to
2 August 5. Various Anchorage artists and the Bird Treatment & Learning program
3 will join teens for special programming, and teens will also staff special summer
4 events such as:

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- 6 • June 11th, National Get Outdoors Day
- 7 • June 17th, Sandcastle Beach Party
- 8 • June 25th, Mountain View Street Fair
- 9 • July 23rd, Cardboard Boat Regatta
- 10 • August 2nd, National Night Out Day
- 11 • August 5th, YEP Celebration: Cuddy Family Midtown Park Day
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13 Also of note, APF is proud to be involved in the Anchorage Economic Development
14 Corporation's initiative to make Anchorage the #1 city in America to live, work and
15 play by 2025. Play is important to thriving cities, and Anchorage parks, trails, and
16 recreation centers are a big part of what this city has to offer residents.

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18 To highlight the added value the municipality receives from this nonprofit venture,
19 the board hereby submits this bi-annual report on the cumulative financial
20 investments in Anchorage Parks and Recreation Programs. The board believes
21 strongly that these investments are significant in monetary and social value, and
22 improve municipal assets. The board acknowledges the Anchorage Assembly as
23 the elected body charged with maintaining these beloved public lands, and looks
24 forward to using this bi-annual report as a means to communicate its contributions
25 the Municipality of Anchorage.

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27 For more information on the Anchorage Park Foundation initiatives see
28 www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org or call Beth Nordlund at 274-1004.

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34 Attachment: Total Investments Summary Report

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Anchorage Park Foundation Total Investments Summary Report

Project	Total In-Kind Community Investments	Total APF Investments	TOTAL Investments
State Legislative Grants			
06 Spenard Recreation Center	-	112,668	112,668
06 Chester Creek	-	101,087	101,087
06 Lloyd Steele/Seppala Boardwalk		28,686	28,686
06 Lyn Ary Park		20,194	20,194
06 Fish Creek Trail	-	38,072	38,072
08 Deferred Maintenance		250,000	250,000
08 Marston Rd. (Lyn Ary Park Fields)		85,000	85,000
08 Lloyd Steele Park	-	102,568	102,568
08 Russian Jack Springs Park	-	86,064	86,064
10 Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park	-	16,467	16,467
10 Senior Center Trail	-	19,567	19,567
10 Harvard Park	-	4,556	4,556
10 Carlson Park	-	4,189	4,189
10 Cope Street Park	-	2,480	2,480
10 Little Dipper Park	-	3,465	3,465
10 Nichols Park	2,713	-	2,713
10 Ira Walker Park	-	9,032	9,032
10 Creekside Park	-	10,000	10,000
10 Woodland Park	-	43,619	43,619
10 Al Miller Park	-	10,000	10,000
10 MLK Memorial	-	28,728	28,728
10 William B Lyons Park	-	30,470	30,470
10 Parks for All (Cuddy)	-	438	438
10 Cheney Lake Park	-	24,826	24,826
Rasmuson Clean & Green	634,203	744,472	1,378,675
2006 Challenge Grant			
Abbott Loop Park	425,522	35,000	460,522
ARBRA Cleanups	32,753	20,000	52,753
Area of Need Campbell Pk Match	-	20,000	20,000
Bancroft Park	9,350	7,854	17,204
Bartlett Pool	10,593	3,500	14,093
Brown's Point Park	5,525	2,056	7,581
Campbell Creek Trail	2,945	2,039	4,984
Centennial Rose Garden	41,981	5,000	46,981
Didlika Park	13,295	10,212	23,507
Facilitation	2,500	2,625	5,125
Fairbanks Park	19,000	34,403	53,403
Far North Bicentennial Park	34,535	18,000	52,535
Girdwood Playground	160,000	25,000	185,000
Jacobson Park Trail	2,222	8,000	10,222
Mountain View Gathering Place	-	5,995	5,995
Mountainview Baseball	10,000	20,000	30,000
Outreach	-	10,135	10,135
Paddleboat Cafe	4,300	10,000	14,300
Peratrovich Park	133,575	76,229	209,804
Quiyana Park	47,178	19,000	66,178
Rabbit Creek Trail	9,856	1,193	11,049

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Richter Trail	33,359	5,287	38,646
Sand Lake Dock	12,798	5,000	17,798
Spenard Rec Center	-	450	450
Tree & Shrub Plantings	37,010	15,000	52,010
United Way Day of Caring	49,000	31,000	80,000
University Lake Park	-	40,355	40,355
Williwaw Park	105,102	40,050	145,152
2008 Challenge Grants			
Art in the Parks	443,802	15,000	458,802
Bear Valley Park	19,850	11,201	31,051
Ben Crawford Park	5,778	2,241	8,019
Delaney Park Tennis	206,936	54,148	261,084
FNBP Bridge	4,694	2,694	7,387
Girdwood Skate Park	109,148	30,004	139,152
Jodhpur Park	32,509	12,840	45,349
Kincaid Park Reflection	107,695	35,003	142,698
Nichols Park	15,744	17,338	33,082
Prevent the Poop	-	675	675
Singletrack	256,856	7,500	264,356
Tikishla Park -Scotty Gomez Rink	198,115	50,325	248,440
Trails Signs	29,676	1,390	31,066
Whisper Faith Kovach Park	6,580	4,775	11,355
Baxter Bog Park	10,701	26,970	37,671
Tanglewood Park	47,088	27,500	74,588
2008 Challenge Grants Activities	2,000	6,971	8,971
2010 Challenge Grants			
Huffman Park - Safe Route to School	572	-	572
C St Garden	10,375	1,855	12,230
Kincaid Park Singletrack trails	5,525	-	5,525
Minnesota Park Renewal	31,631	-	31,631
Lyn Ary Park Tennis Courts	44,000	-	44,000
Westchester Disc Golf	25,535	21,932	47,467
Taku Lake Skate Park	4,935	35	4,970
Little Dipper Park -Eagle Scout Fix-Its	21	-	21
Anchorage Senior Center Trail	2,769	-	2,769
Mulcahy Rinks at Sullivan Arena	-	103	103
Woodland Park	-	2,825	2,825
NFWF Girdwood	-	300	300
Rasmuson Neighborhood Soccer	2,965	38,951	41,916
YEP			
2009 GLT Trail Project	-	15,450	15,450
2009 Salmon in the City Funds	-	31,269	31,269
2010 AK State Council on Arts	-	728	728
2010 Raingarden	-	2,328	2,328
2010 University Lake	-	19,525	19,525
2010 Wells Fargo	-	4,807	4,807
YEP 2010 Atwood	-	9,794	9,794
YEP - Rasmuson & Other	7,258	232,033	239,291
USFWS 2009 YEP Lynwood Park	-	246,000	246,000

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USFS Muldoon Park Forest Health	27,550	25,183	52,733
USFS 2009 Forest Health Grant	88,351	50,000	138,351
USFS 2010 Forest Health	-	49,999	49,999
USFWS YEP Watershed Work 2008	-	25,000	25,000
FWS Anch is for Birds	2,300	27,541	29,841
Department of Labor YEP 09-10	-	100,000	100,000
Other Projects			
DOGS	-	13,836	13,836
Honoring	-	4,778	4,778
Horticulture	-	8,564	8,564
Memorial Funds	-	91,643	91,643
50 Bikes/50 Kids	141,102	71,929	213,031
Ak Railroad Ship Creek	-	29,430	29,430
Trail Maintenance	-	40,930	40,930
Tuesday Night Races	-	20,607	20,607
Veterans Memorial	-	6,008	6,008
Abbott Loop Park	-	250,000	250,000
Championship Soccer	916,686	2,000,000	2,916,686
Cuddy Family Midtown Park	-	523,288	523,288
Get Outdoors	-	2,691	2,691
Lyn Ary Park	-	15,000	15,000
MV Report Card, Weed & Seed	2,536	5,000	7,536
Pop Carr Park	-	40,000	40,000
Wyland Event	-	1,248	1,248
Simonian Little League	-	100,000	100,000
Skate Park YES	3,804	5,224	9,028
Urban Wildlife	-	20,000	20,000
USFS			
USFS 2010 Invasive Plants	-	1,461	1,461
USFS 2010 Forest Health	-	49,999	49,999
USFWS			
USFWS 2011 Ship Creek	-	1,096	1,096
USFWS 2010 Weeds Warriors	-	22,190	22,190
USFWS 2010 Ship Creek	-	18,445	18,445
USFWS 2009 Girdwood Weeds	4,227	19,930	24,158
USFWS 2009 Weeds Coord	2,067	51,668	53,735
USFWS Anchorage for Birds	2,300	27,541	29,841
USFWS Euro Birdcherry	-	21,953	21,953
TOTAL	4,738,816	7,687,604	12,426,420