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**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**  
No. AM XXX-2023



Meeting Date: May 23, 2023

**From: Assembly Member Rivera**

**Subject: AR 2023-XXX, A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING A PLAN FOR SANCTIONED CAMPS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**

This AM is intended to give a brief snapshot of the work of the Sanctioned Camp Community Task Force, from its inception to the creation of these immediate needs recommendations.

- The Sanctioned Camp Community Task Force was incorporated as one of several suggestions for assisting with the demobilization of emergency cold weather shelter in AR 2023-127, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly adopting a demobilization plan for the emergency shelter provided by the Municipality during the 2022-2023 winter season, passed and approved by the Assembly on April 11, 2023.
- The Sanctioned Camp Community Task Force was officially created in AR 2023-146, As Amended, a resolution of the Anchorage Municipal Assembly establishing a taskforce to explore the possibility of sanctioned camps, pass and approved by the Assembly on April 18, 2023.
- A press release, an email to the Assembly e-list, and social media were put out about the Sanctioned Camp Community Task Force and encouraging community participation on April 24, 2023. Media stories were run regarding this task force on Alaska News Source and Alaska Public Media.
- The first meeting of the Sanctioned Camp Community Task Force was held on May 5, 2023. Approximately 30 individuals attended, of which half were representing a business or non-profit and half were representing themselves as individuals or a community council.
- The second meeting of the Sanctioned Camp Community Task Force was held on May 11, 2023. Approximately 30 individuals attended, of which half were representing a business or non-profit and half were representing themselves as individuals or a community council.
- The third meeting of the Sanctioned Camp Community Task Force was held on May 18, 2023. Approximately 30 individuals attended, of which half were representing a business or non-profit and half were representing themselves as individuals or a community council. At this meeting, a subgroup was formed and tasked to meet over the weekend to come up with immediate needs recommendations for the full task force to consider.

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- The Immediate Needs Subgroup met on May 20, 2023 and May 21, 2023, with approximately 10 individuals in attendance both days, of which a supermajority were individuals representing themselves as individuals or a community council.
- The fourth meeting of the Sanctioned Camp Community Task Force was held on Monday, May 22, 2023. Approximately 30 individuals attended, of which half were representing a business or non-profit and half were representing themselves as individuals or a community council. At this meeting, the task force reviewed the recommendations put forward by the Immediate Needs Subgroup, made a variety of changes to the recommendations, and voted to send a resolution for consideration to the Assembly and Municipal administration.

Reviewed by: Assembly Counsel's Office

Respectfully submitted: Felix Rivera  
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