

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UACC)

RESOLUTION 2016-03

A Resolution of the UACC Pertaining to Off Leash Dogs and the MOA University Lake Park Master Plan

WHEREAS the Anchorage Municipal Charter Art. VIII, Sec 8.01 establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods in planning and development; **and**

WHEREAS the Anchorage Municipal Code Chap 25.10.080 B establishes MOA Parks; **and**

WHEREAS Community Councils are intended to reflect actual neighborhoods and provide guidance advice on management of Park-lands within their boundaries; **and**

WHEREAS the UACC members reflect a diverse set of users and opinions on the best use of the University Lake Park (ULP). There are some UACC members who feel that full time off lease dog use of the trail circling the University Lake prevents them from being able to use the Park. There are also some members that feel there are few other areas to legally allow off leash dog use; **and**

WHEREAS the UACC is in general agreement, given the diametrically opposed views of appropriate use of the ULP, that the *DRAFT* University Lake Park Master Plan (ULPMP) adequately reflects the needs of a diverse community of users, currently and those into the future, who use the Park; **and**

WHEREAS the use patterns within the ULP needs to be monitored to determine whether continued off leash dog use negatively impacts the environmental health of the ULP, and the health and safety of other recreational users of the ULP; **and**

WHEREAS the MOA Parks and Recreation Division and the MOA Animal Care and Control Center (AACCC) need to adequately enforce the regulations regarding on/off leash dog areas to protect the health and safety of all use groups within and adjacent to the ULP; **and** **WHEREAS** the MOA may need to amend Title 17 if continued off leash dog trail use impacts the environmental health of the ULP, and/or creates a safety concern from negative and unsafe dog/people interactions, and unsanitary conditions related to failure to control dog fecal waste deposition; **and**

WHEREAS the MOA Parks and Recreation needs to create a safe situation within the ULP and provide adequate warning signs about safety concerns regarding unleashed dogs as to protect the health on people recreating within the ULP; **and**

WHEREAS the MOA needs to provide adequate funding for ULP signage, positive dog control structures, and integrative education infrastructure needed to meet the goals and objectives set for the park.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the UACC supports the ULPMP with adherence to the above mentioned standards and guidelines designed to ease the conflict between the diverse set of use groups using the ULP.

Resolution Vote: For 12 Against: 4 Abstain: 2

This resolution was **approved** by the UACC on this day of April 6, 2016.

Signed

Paul Stang, UACC President