

South Addition Community Council

December 21, 2017

**VIA EMAIL**

Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department  
632 W 6th Ave,  
Anchorage, AK 99501

RE: Letter of Support, *Valley of the Moon Park Wooded Trail Proposal*

Dear Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department:

The South Addition Community Council (SACC) has been approached by Hans Thompson, a South Addition resident and officer on the SACC Executive Board, with the attached proposal to construct a public non-paved trail through a wooded area in the vicinity of Valley of the Moon Park. (*Valley of the Moon Park Wooded Trail proposal.*) SACC hereby writes to advise that the proposal, as submitted to Anchorage Park and Recreation Department, has the support and backing of the community council.

The SACC supports using the proposed undeveloped Municipal parkland to its greatest advantage for a resident-friendly non-paved, wooded trail in our downtown neighborhood. We believe a new walking and biking trail through this small wooded corner will make a positive difference for resident and commuter biking, hiking, and family walks with kids through a bird and backyard wildlife filled area that is currently inaccessible. We are hopeful that brightening and clearing this dark area of brush and trash will give all trail users an enhanced feeling of safety in Valley of the Moon Park while expanding the park's utility for all users.

We favor putting that dark corner of the park to its highest and best use as an additional recreational trail to be used and enjoyed by neighbors, other Municipal residents and summer tourists in our downtown neighborhood. The Valley of the Moon Park's paved trail is a jewel in the crown of the Anchorage trail system. A complimentary dirt trail just off the paved trail system for a run with one's dog or a bike ride would add another gem.

Provided Mr. Thompson's proposal satisfies the Anchorage Park and Recreation Department's requirements, SACC supports it and urges the Anchorage Park and Recreation Department to approve and facilitate the proposal in anyway it can.

Sincerely,

Moira Gallagher  
SACC President

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