

Rogers Park Community Council

(including Anchor Park, College Village, Woodside East and Rogers Park)

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Resolution Regarding: Russian Jack Springs Park March 10, 2008

To: Parks and Recreation Commission Members

Please review this resolution and consider our request to create a diverse advisory group for changes to Russian Jack Springs Park.

Whereas: at its December 2007 meeting, the RPCC passed a resolution against the large-scale clearing of trees for golf facility expansion at Russian Jack Springs Park;

Whereas: there has been little opportunity for wide community input into the Russian Jack Springs Park / First Tee project;

Whereas: the Northeast Park District newsletter, dated February 2008, by the MOA Parks and Recreation Department does not appear to respond to community concerns that have been raised to-date (such as by the RPCC resolution and those from the January 8, 2008 Open House);

Whereas: municipal park planning should take into consideration the desires of a diverse group of users within our community;

Whereas: municipal ordinances mandate public input before changes to a municipal park can be made;

Now therefore be it resolved: the RPCC requests that the Parks and Recreation Department and/or Commission form a Russian Jack Spring Park/ First Tee Project Team Community Advisory Group, with membership from each of the five community councils in the Northeast Park district and from other organized user and community groups. It is proposed that the Advisory Group meet regularly with the Project Team to provide input, suggestions, and review during the current design phase.

This resolution passed by a vote of 15 in favor, zero opposed and two abstentions.

Respectfully,

Heather Ireland
President, Rogers Park Community Council

CC: Mayor Begich, Dick Traini, Dan Coffey, Jeff Dillon, Monique Anderson, and Brad Dunker