

# NECC

Northeast Community Council

Executive Board Resolution 1

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TO: Tammy Oswald, Real Estate Service Manager  
Anchorage Assembly  
Mayor Mark Begich

FROM: Peggy Robinson, President North East Community Council  
333-1831 or 632-6436

SUBJECT: Land Disposal for Parcel 004-051-14: 105,251 square feet of Tract A-1 of  
Orah Dee Clark Junior High School Subdivision

DATE: November 1, 2007

The North East Community Council Board of Directors met on November 1, 2007. President Peggy Robinson received the notice for this property disposal on October 29<sup>th</sup> (after the October 18<sup>th</sup> community council meeting), so the Board reviewed the request at this meeting. Comments are due by Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

NECC By-laws allow the Board to act for the council as a whole if there are time constraints that do not allow the proposed action to be taken at a regular meeting, which is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>. Action the Board takes is reported at the next membership meeting.

The NECC Board discussed the variance request and voted on the following motion:

“The NECC Board of Directors opposes in principle the disposal of 105,251 square feet (2.41 acres) of Tract A-1 of Orah Dee Clark Junior High School Subdivision.

The plans for the new school building and grounds that had been shown to the NECC at our June 15, 2006 meeting showed use of this land as part of the new outdoor facilities.

The site was replatted during the summer of 2006 to remove 2.86 acres from the school site. At least two of the community councils who have children attending Clark were not noticed or able to comment on this proposed transfer, since this took place during the summer when most councils don't meet.

It was announced as part of the school design presentation at the November 16, 2006 NECC meeting that 5 acres on the far west of the school site was being reserved for future MOA use, as part of the Glenn Square development next door. Therefore, it was not available for the school site. This required a complete redesign of the school footprint and site amenities.

At some point in the fall of 2006, the Anchorage School Board was informed of the proposal to transfer this acreage to the MOA, but it was not noticed in a public meeting and a vote was not taken.

The NECC membership voted on February 15, 2007, in Resolution 3 to “request the administration of the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Assembly, and the Anchorage School District Administration and School Board to require public notice and a public hearing on any transfer of management authority from one division of the Municipality to another, including to or from the Anchorage School District.” (The full resolution is attached.)

We are surprised that MOA Real Estate Services Division is now requesting input into the official disposal of this land. The request is for another 2.41 acres that will be transferred to MOA. This is the rest of the 5 acres that was reported to us in November 2006 that would not be available – almost one year later!

The school has already been redesigned to exclude use of this property, as they were told to do last fall, so this request is really a moot point. The building is under construction. This land disposal request/review should have occurred last fall when it was truly a choice. In addition, the notice was received with only 10 days notice; too little for meaningful public comment unless the issue had already been acted upon.

From the original size of the Clark school site of 31.26 acres, the school now has use of 23.77 acres. Besides the taking of this land for Glenn Square, additional land is being taken for additional parking for the Mountain View Library and also for easements for the Glenn Highway/Bragaw Interchange.

The Anchorage School District’s school site standards are for 30 acres for a middle school that houses 1058 students. This is about 35 students per acre of land. Based on the above plans for Clark Middle School, they will have 44 students per acre. Only Romig Middle School in Spenard has higher, but it shares space with West High School and has not had land taken away. If these 5 acres had been kept for Clark, their ratio would have been 36 students per acre.

Therefore, the NECC Board opposes in principle the disposal of this land.

We also request that the proceeds from the sale of this land go towards paying off the principal of the Clark School Construction Bond.”

This motion was discussed and voted upon. The vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining. Two board members were absent.

We ask that you consider our motion as you make decisions in the best interests of the NECC and the community of Anchorage as a whole. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Peggy Robinson*