



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



Submitted by: Chair of the Commission at the
Request of the Department
Director

Prepared by: Anchorage Parks and Recreation
Department

Anchorage, Alaska
RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 68

In Support of Naming Certain Park Property "Bear Tracks Park"

1 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory
2 capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility
5 and duty to provide for the long term vision of our park system for all residents of
6 Anchorage; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recognizes the
9 importance of park naming to add meaning, significance, and uniformity to public places;
10 to minimize conflict and lend continuity and a sense of community; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recognizes that the
13 selection of a name that is purposeful, suitable, and symbolic can generate opportunities
14 for community impact, create sensitivity, promote public relations, express appreciation,
15 and educate; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the subject property (Lot 8A Block 3V, Plat of Rabbit Creek View and Rabbit
18 Creek Heights Subdivision Replat) was retained for public purposes in 2004 and was
19 designated to Parks and Recreation management in February 2008; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, the Bear Valley Community Council has been active in improving the
22 subject park property for neighborhood use, and adopted a resolution to support formal
23 naming of the property in May 2008; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, the Community Council submitted a request to the Municipal Assembly
26 through the Mayor's Office in accordance with AMC 3.97.030, formally proposing to
27 name the subject property "Bear Tracks Park"; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission finds that the proposed
30 name conveys the relationship of the surrounding area to the native wildlife, and
31 therefore meets the appropriate criteria of the Municipal Code relating to historical,

1 cultural, or geographical significance, and considering location, function, and natural
2 features; therefore

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Parks and Recreation Commission supports the proposal to
5 name the subject unnamed parcel of park land "Bear Tracks Park."

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7 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this
8 13th day of November, 2008.

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16 ATTEST:

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22 Department Director
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