

**Turnagain Community Council Resolution (Res. #2015-01)
Regarding Renovation Proposals to Lyn Ary and Earthquake Park**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Charter, Article VIII, Section 8.01, establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, parks are a significant aspect of the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) and have an impact on the quality of life for those living here; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks and Recreation is planning to provide renovations consistent with the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan to the lower level of the park that would serve as a gateway from the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and would provide a park identification sign, seating area, landscaping and interpretive panels, which will speak to the history of the area; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks and Recreation is proposing a number of changes to Earthquake Park, including opening up the views from the interpretive area, renovating the panels in the interpretive area, and creating a trail with interpretive panels to explain the geology of the area as well as the effects of the 1964 Earthquake on the typography of the park; and

WHEREAS, erosion has been a growing concern for the areas along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, including along the interpretive area of Earthquake Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Turnagain Community Councils supports the proposed projects for Lyn Ary Park and Earthquake Park, as presented to the Council on January 8, 2015. However, the council's support is conditioned on the following suggestions being incorporated into the proposals:

LYN ARY PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

- Incorporate appropriate text changes on the interpretive panels, to correct draft typos and clarify historical information.
- Plant trees with at least a 3.5" caliber (trunk diameter), so that moose fencing installation is not require.
- Include as part of the project the installation of plaques for Michelle Byrum and Bob Durst in the memorial garden, as previously agreed to by TCC, the Anchorage Parks Dept., and the Anchorage Park Foundation.

EARTHQUAKE PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

- Make the interpretive panels more visually appealing by incorporating more graphics and decreasing the amount of text, as presented on the draft.
- Make the interpretive trail as narrow as possible, while still meeting ADA compliance, in order to limit the impact on the surrounding environment.
- To address TCC concerns regarding erosion at Earthquake Park:
 - Limit opening up the view from the Earthquake Park interpretive area by tree topping and tree thinning only — the council does not support complete removal of trees or tree roots.
 - Include planting of shrubs (alders and willows) along the bluff by the Earthquake Park interpretive area to mitigate erosion.

PASSED AND APPROVED by Turnagain Community Council at its regularly scheduled meeting this 5th day of February, 2015.

This resolution passed by a vote of 14 in favor, 1 opposed.

Respectfully,



Danielle Bailey, Turnagain Community Council President