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Resolution 004-2014 setting forth the Birchwood Community Council preferences for 2014 development work by Chugiak Eagle River Parks and Recreation in the NW Quarter of Section 25, Beach Lake Park.

At its regularly scheduled public meeting on February 26, 2014, the Birchwood Community Council membership, by resolution duly made and approved, ***to request that the Chugiak Eagle River Parks and Recreation Department plan any work on the NW Quarter of Section 25 in accordance with the Beach Lake Master Plan. The membership further resolved that work in 2014 should focus on mapping of existing trails and soils and an ecological site study as a first step in determining how the community wants to develop the park.***

The Council feels that the Beach Lake Master Plan received substantial community input and did a good job of balancing competing interests, and should serve as a guide to development. We further note that there are no good maps of the area showing the variety of trails, both well used and smaller, social trails. In addition we do not have a clear description of wetlands, soil types, and other ecological factors that should be taken into account in planning for the area, even for the low-intensity development recommended in the Master Plan. Therefore, documenting and mapping what is there should be a first step, followed by community discussion of the best ways to move forward in future years.

Respectfully,

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Chugiak Eagle River Parks and Recreation