

RESOLUTION #2023-05-01
Ordinance AO 2011-70
BEACH LAKE REGIONAL MASTER PLAN

Whereas Birchwood Community Council supports the 2011 updated Beach Lake Regional Master Plan Ordinance AO 2011-70 (Master Plan);

Whereas the Master Plan was developed with lengthy and extensive community input to provide a framework for orderly trail development that accounts for the interests of and potential conflicts between various user groups;

Whereas the Master Plan does call for a multi-use trail on the west side of Beach Lake;

Whereas The Master Plan also calls for a grade separated crossing of such a multi-use trail and the current dedicated dog mushing trails, both in the map, on page 33 and in the prospective budget on page 39;

Whereas this grade separated crossing was a hard-fought compromise developed to accommodate the interests of multi-use trail users and the needs of the dog mushing community;

Whereas current planning for a multi-use trail to be built in the near future includes discussion of using an at-grade rather grade-separated crossing;

Therefore, the Birchwood Community Council resolves that no year-round trail with at-grade crossings of the mushing trails should be built, unless the Master Plan is first amended to provide for such at-grade crossings through the established practice for amending the plan, including a study of potential alternatives, public hearings, and Assembly action.