

Turnagain Community Council
Resolution to Support Acquisition of Private Lands for Parkland

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage, Heritage Land Bank, and MOA, Parks and Recreation Dept. have expressed great interest in the undeveloped land to the west of Lynn Ary Park [as outlined on the plat (Figure 1) on the reverse side of this document] being established as a park;

WHEREAS, the Turnagain community has for many years also expressed interest in establishing this land as a park;

WHEREAS, Boundaries of Lynn Ary Park, Marston Park, and Illiamna Park are all adjacent to this parcel of land;

WHEREAS, portions of this land are privately owned and the owner has expressed interest in working with the TCC to transfer this property to the community for the proposed park;

WHEREAS, the current Coastal Trail alignment traverses these privately held lands and park status would permanently protect public access rights to this popular community trail;

WHEREAS, the Coastal Trail value would be protected by this land acting as a buffer to the potential housing development;

WHEREAS, the property has historical significance relative to the great Turnagain Landslide during the 1964 earthquake;

WHEREAS, the property includes accessible coastline and waters of the U.S. possibly including groundwater springs, and as such, provides high bird and other animal habitat values;

WHEREAS, there may be an opportunity in the future to acquire portions of this land that are not now in Municipal ownership;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Turnagain Community Council supports efforts to establish the property as undeveloped public parkland and will work with the Municipality of Anchorage and interested members of the community to accomplish these goals.

Resolution Passed by a vote of 20 in favor and 0 opposed at May 4th, 2006 TCC meeting.

Mark Wiggin, President, Turnagain Community Council

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FIGURE 1 KNIK

