

Below are questions the Assembly is posing to investigate the proposition of allowing camping within the Municipality as it continues to look at its response to homelessness. When the term camp is used below, we encourage the Commissions and Community Councils to take an expansive view of the term and consider the links below. Specific questions for Community Councils are not designated, but please use the questions to the Commissions as a framework for providing feedback to the Assembly.

We would appreciate receiving your responses by March 2nd. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email - meg.zaletel@anchorageak.gov. Responses can also be sent to Meg Zaletel via email.

Camping links -

<https://dignityvillage.org/>

<http://www.quixotecommunities.org/>

Current permissible camping in the Municipality: <https://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/Camping.aspx>

Parks and Rec Commission

1. What are the current impacts of camping on our public parks and green spaces?

2. If camping were sanctioned, what amenities would be necessary to mitigate those impacts?

3. Can the Commission see a path forward that might reconcile camping with other recreational uses? If so, what does that look like?

4. If sanctioned camping were allowed on Municipal public lands, are there any areas the Commission would recommend as off limits or particularly suited to this use?

Public Safety Commission

1. What public safety concerns does the Commission have about current camps in Municipal public lands?

2. If camping were sanctioned, what measures does the Commission recommend to mitigate its public safety concerns?

3. Can the Commission see a path forward that might reconcile its safety concerns with the existence of camping on Municipal public lands? If so, what does that look like?

HHAND Commission

1. How could sanctioned camps fit within the Anchorage Continuum of Care in the development and implementation of the Anchorage plan to address homelessness? If they do not fit, please identify why not.

Planning and Zoning Commission

1. What role, if any, should the Planning and Zoning Commission play in determining whether a location is suitable for a sanctioned camp?

2. Is there a desire to have public hearing in the P&Z Commission related to proposed sanctioned camping sites and provide recommendation to the Administration and Assembly?

Health Commission

1. What health concerns does the Commission have about current camps in Municipal public lands?

2. If camping were sanctioned what measures does the Commission recommend to mitigate its public health concerns?

3. Can the Commission see a path forward that might reconcile its public health concerns with the existence of camping on Municipal public lands? If so, what does that look like?

Thank you for taking the time to provide the Assembly responses to these questions.