

Resolution 2021- 4

Northeast Community Council (NECC)

August 19, 2021

Support for JBER & State of Alaska Land Swap for Boundary Trail

WHEREAS, a high priority for the NECC is trail connectivity, as documented in previous resolutions and comments as recent as the AMATS Non-Motorized Plan this year;

WHEREAS, trail enthusiasts' and the NECC have been trying for years to get a trail through JBER that connects east Anchorage to the Glenn Hwy trail. Others have been trying to get a trail parallel and east of the JBER split rail fence. At the start of planning for the Chanshtnu Muldoon Park talk about the trails renewed and is continuing today;

WHEREAS, NECC would like to see 300' of JBER property be utilized for this connector trail. The trail would be near the eastern edge of the 300' to be far enough away from home owners along the split rail fence. The land has plenty of trees to block the view between homeowners and trail users;

WHEREAS, NECC would like the State of Alaska to consider trading ½ mile 2,640' of State park land and add that land onto the eastern edge of JBER. That is a 8.8 to 1 trade;

WHEREAS, the NECC would like the State of Alaska to negotiate with JBER on behalf of this project;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the NECC requests that the State of Alaska passes and presents to JBER a land swap between the State of Alaska & JBER. JBER would give Anchorage Alaska, from the split rail fence, their western border, and to the east 300' of land for the use of a paved trail/bike path only. From the southern end this 300' would start from the Tudor/Muldoon curve area and continue north to the Glenn Hwy, approximately 19,350 feet in length. At the Glenn Hwy the trail would continue east, close to the Glenn, for approximately 3,350' to Ship Creek where it would the pass under the Glenn Hwy and connect to the existing bike trail along the Glenn Hwy. In return the State of Alaska would give to JBER ½ mile, 2,640' of state land to add on to their eastern border. An 8.8 to 1 trade.

Votes for: 11 Votes Against: 2 Abstain: 4

Motion Passes / Motion Does Not Pass

President: Shalla Baker

Secretary: Rachel Bonner