

Turnagain Community Council Resolution

TCC APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED LYN ARY PARK BASEBALL MEMORIAL AND MARSTON FIELD DIAMONDS SIGNAGE TEXT & CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT DESIGN

WHEREAS, the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) is an all-volunteer, self-governing neighborhood organization recognized in the Municipality of Anchorage Charter; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, located within the TCC boundaries and subsequent to the 1964 Earthquake in the lower level of Lyn Ary Park (Park), a Babe Ruth baseball field was created and subsequently redeveloped into little league baseball fields — and these fields are named after Muktuk Marston, who originally leased and later donated to the city the land for the fields; and

WHEREAS, the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan (2009) supports Park amenities that include recognition of the Park’s historical significance (page 1); a map of Marston ballfields at Park entrances, (page 16); and a proposed creative seat wall and central artistic/sculptural element northeast of the lower level parking lot area (Figure 5, page 26); and

WHEREAS, an ad-hoc committee consisting of the Anchorage West Little League (AWLL), family members of deceased AWLL coaches and Muktuk Marston family, a representative of KP Architects (who are providing donated services), and a TCC Board member and former TCC Board member have been collaborating on the proposal for a Lyn Ary Park Baseball Memorial Project; and

WHEREAS, this Memorial would be placed northeast of the lower level parking lot and at the base of the trail leading from the upper level of the Park; and

WHEREAS, signage elements of the proposed Lyn Ary Park Baseball Memorial will include:

- A Welcome to the Park/Memorial Project Donor Recognition sign;
- History of Baseball at the Park sign;
- Map of the Marston Fields and Marty Smith Diamond — as well as other proposed-to-officially-be named diamonds and other amenities within the Park;
- Three Memorial signs honoring AWLL Coaches Bob Durst, John Opinsky and Marty Smith; and

WHEREAS, additional signage identifying each of the five Lyn Ary Park Marston Field Diamonds will include:

- Three signs recognizing each the Marty Smith Diamond and the as-yet-formally-named Bob Durst and John Opinsky Diamonds; and
- Two diamond signs temporarily labeled “Cul-de-sac Diamond” and “T-Ball Diamond;” and

WHEREAS, signage at Lyn Ary Park referencing the Bob Durst and John Opinsky Diamonds as well as the Michelle Byrum Memorial Garden and The Hendrickson Courts will be installed following a Municipality of Anchorage formal naming process that includes Assembly approval for the above-references Park amenities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Turnagain Community Council approves the proposed Lyn Ary Park Baseball Memorial and Marston Fields diamond signage text and conceptual layout design, as described above and as presented at our March 3, 2022, General Membership meeting and decisions regarding project materials and landscaping will be considered for approval at a subsequent TCC General Membership meeting.

RESOLUTION PASSED by the Turnagain Community Council on this day, March 3, 2022, by a vote of YES _____; NO _____.

March 3, 2022

Anna B. Brawley
Turnagain Community Council President