

Fairview Community Council

A Resolution Recommending Exploration of the Securing and Activation of the 15 Acre HLB Owned Parcel at 3rd and Ingra Brought Forward by the 3rd Ave Radicals

Resolution NO. 2024-03

Whereas, The 3rd Ave Radicals were formed in 2017 and are a grass roots collection of residents, business owners and property owners along East 3rd Avenue in East Downtown and Fairview; and

Whereas, The 3rd Avenue Radicals have been successful with many community projects meeting their mission: "Championing economic revitalization, beautification, and public safety in East Downtown from A Street to Karluk Street;" and

Whereas, 3rd Avenue Radicals properties span the Downtown and Fairview Community Councils defined areas; and

Whereas, The parcel at 3rd and Ingra has historically been an unsanctioned campground for unhoused persons. Until 2020 these camps were primarily relegated to the north slope of the property because of an HLB maintained fence; and

Whereas, HLB decided to remove the fence along the perimeter of the flat land in Spring 2020 despite formal objection from the 3rd Avenue Radicals; and

Whereas, In Spring, Summer, and early Fall of 2023 the parcel became the site of massive homeless camps with a person count reaching 200-250 and many illegal vehicles, including cars, motor homes, boats and a fire truck. These camps and vehicles began 100-200 feet from Radicals' properties on the flat southern portion of the parcel; and

Whereas, This surge in activity negatively impacted the entire neighborhood, into downtown and into Fairview; and

Whereas, This area during Spring, Summer, Fall 2023 met the definition of public nuisance under Anchorage Municipal Code 15.20: discarded and improperly disposed of solid and liquid waste, excessive litter, abandoned vehicles, and overall unsightly premises; and

Whereas, Under Alaska law this area met the definition of nuisance as " a substantial and unreasonable interference with the use or enjoyment of real property." AS 90.45.255; and

Whereas, The site was dangerous as evidenced by a big explosion October 1, multiple fires at the end of July, gang activity, drug deals, deaths, gunshots, theft, and other crime; and

Whereas, The MOA and HLB must create a proactive plan to better manage this property while finding a humane approach to address homelessness, while also not allowing 3rd and Ingra to reach untenable conditions of nuisance and danger as it had in Summer 2023;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the FVCC that the FVCC supports exploration of proposals on activation as soon as practical, but no later than summer 2024, of the 3rd and Ingra site that consider security, function and community aesthetics. Proposals to explore include one by the Port of Anchorage in its need for more space and creation of alternative