

Mountain View Community Council

A Resolution Requesting the Municipality of Anchorage immediately pursue Davis Park Improvements.

Resolution 2024-03

Whereas, the purpose of Community Councils is to provide a direct and continuing means for people to (1) participate in the government process and local affairs, working together in a manner that will have an impact on their community development and services, (2) give governmental agencies a method for receiving opinions, needs, desires and recommendations of residents and groups, and (3) give local governing bodies an improved basis for decision-making that establishes priorities affecting community development and individual well-being, and

Whereas, in April 2024, Proposition 4 (Anchorage Parks and Recreation Bond) was voted on and passed, including a \$350,000.00 designation for Mountain View Park Improvements and Safety Enhancements at Davis Park, and

Whereas, although the Mountain View Targeted Neighborhood Plan (approved by the Anchorage Assembly in 2016) establishes the development of Davis Park as one of the top five priorities of the neighborhood, very little of that plan has been implemented, and

Whereas, since the approval of the Davis Park Master Plan by the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2017, the only significant improvement has been the installation of a very successful 9-hole disc golf course, and

Whereas, in November of 2023 the Mountain View Community Council passed a resolution in support of expanding the disc golf course to 18 holes, and

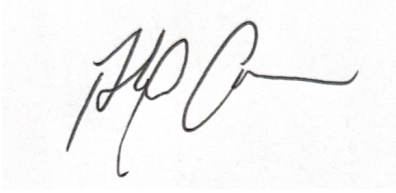
Whereas, in recent years the municipality of Anchorage has allowed overnight camping by unhoused residents in Davis Park – both in the woods and in the parking lots – which has resulted in significant land use changes and threatens to deter people from using this community asset because of safety concerns, and

Whereas, Mountain View (and Davis Park in particular) has been borne a disproportionate share of the effects of the housing crisis in Anchorage in recent years, this land and neighborhood have paid a price for it and there is a certain amount of remediation that must be done just to return this land to its former state, let alone improve the park and install new aspects of the Master Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mountain View Community Council formally requests that the municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, working with the Mountain View Community Council and other necessary departments to determine the best next-steps, make the implementation of Davis Park improvements a high priority and pursue the implementation of these improvements as expediently as possible.

This Mountain View Community Council after obtaining a quorum of 10 members, approved this resolution by a vote of 9 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstentions.

Attested this 26th day of June, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Cannon', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Phil Cannon
President
Mountain View Community Council