North Star Community Council Resolution 2025 - 03

A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE VALLEY OF THE MOON PARK WITHIN NORTH STAR COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARY

WHEREAS, the North Star Community Council (NSCC) represents the residents, businesses, and other stakeholders within its designated boundary, providing a platform for community engagement, planning, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS Valley of the Moon Park is a 21.78 acre community-use park located within the Chester Creek Greenbelt. The park is defined by Chester Creek to the south, Arctic Blvd. to the west, 17th Ave and 16th Ave to the north, and a single track trail and private property to the east between C St. and the park; and

WHEREAS, Valley of the Moon Park is a significant and widely utilized public park that serves as a vital recreational and social hub for residents in and around the North Star neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the current municipal boundary for the NSCC does not include Valley of the Moon Park, which is presently zoned within the South Addition Community Council (SACC); and

WHEREAS, the NSCC believes that the park's location, proximity, and area topography align more naturally with the North Star neighborhood's needs, identity, and interests and that it serves as a natural, existing centerpiece of NSCC, similar to the relationship SACC has to Margaret Eagan Sullivan Park or the Delaney Park Strip; and

WHEREAS, previously the park has been assumed to be in NSCC borders by many North Star residents as it serves as a symbol of the neighborhood, and is more naturally located at sea level adjacent to the NSCC neighborhoods (see Appendix I); and

WHEREAS, the NSCC and SACC have a long history of collaboration on advocacy for the Valley of the Moon Park, which has not been negatively impacted by the park lying exclusively within SACC boundaries and similarly would not be negatively impacted by the park lying exclusively within NSCC boundaries; and

WHEREAS, there are no residents, businesses, or private property owners in Valley of the Moon park who would be directly affected by this recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of Valley of the Moon Park within the NSCC boundary would ensure that municipal notifications and solicitations for advocacy are primarily directed to the community with the most natural connection to the park; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is currently undertaking a review of community council boundaries, offering an opportunity to address and realign boundaries in the best interest of neighborhoods and their constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality's Public Hearing Draft Report and Recommendations on Community Council Boundaries Review, as well as a previously passed resolution (NSCC Resolution 2023-02) by NSCC had recommended no changes to the NSCC borders, and the NSCC now recognizes the need to submit this formal request to advocate for this change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Star Community Council formally requests the inclusion of Valley of the Moon Park within its designated boundary during the Municipality of Anchorage's community council boundary review process by moving the boundary from its current location following Chester Creek northward to follow the park side sidewalk of 17th Avenue, curving around the Valley of the Moon dog park following the trail and then meeting back up with Chester Creek at the southern edge of the dog park (see Appendix II); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSCC believes this change would better reflect the community's geographic coherence and the park's significance as an integral part of the North Star neighborhood; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSCC would also be open to an overlapping boundary as considered for Spenard Beach Park in Boundary Study Area 32;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NSCC will submit this resolution to the Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department for consideration and action during the boundary review process.

Voted and ADOPTED this _____ day of February, 2025, by the North Star Community Council.

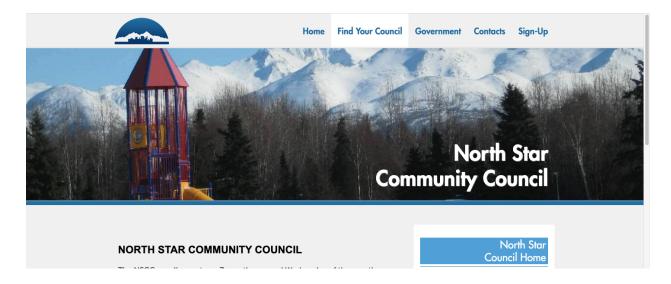
Votes: _____ in favor, _____ opposed and _____ abstaining.

Signed:

Eiden Pospisil, President North Star Community Council

Appendix I:

Screenshot of North Star Community Council home page, which shows the Valley of the Moon playground structure. This image has been the cover photo for NSCC's website for years.

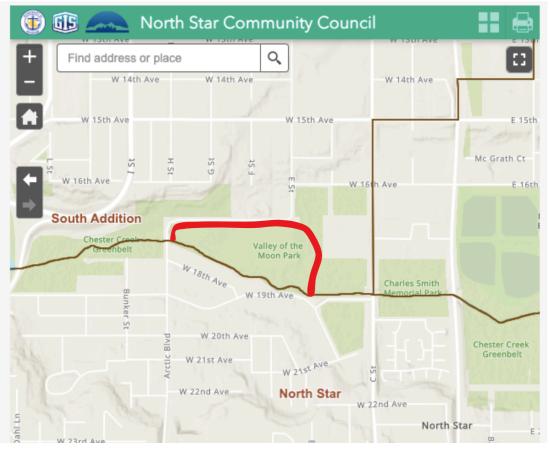


Additionally, the image below shows a postcard sent out to all North Star residents urging them to attend monthly community council meetings. A photo of Valley of the Moon park was chosen before NSCC board members realized the boundary issue, illustrating how important the park is to the council.



Appendix II

Proposed boundary change in red:



More detail:

