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Mayor Mark Begich

November 18, 2008

Matt Claman, Chair
Anchorage Municipal Assembly
PO Box 196650
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Dear Mr. Claman:

I write to offer the consensus recommendation of the four-person naming panel for the proposed name of Bear Tracks Park for a Bear Valley Park Parcel (Lot 8A Block 3V, Plat of Rabbit Creek View and Rabbit Creek Heights Subdivision Replat).

The naming panel met on Wednesday, November 5 at 6:00 p.m. in a publicly noticed meeting to discuss the issue. No additional citizens appeared to testify. The Bear Valley Community Council chose the proposed name and has passed a unanimous resolution endorsing it. As a group, we reviewed the process prescribed in Anchorage Municipal Code 3.97 and discussed the issue at some length.

The park parcel to be named does not have any historic associations with Anchorage family names. The one significant geographic feature of the park is an animal trail, frequented by bears, that neatly bisects the park. Long term plans for the park include minimal development, and it will largely remain in its natural state. Given these facts, this panel finds the proposed name to be appropriate and recommends the name of Bear Tracks Park for this parcel.

Since we met, I appeared before the Parks and Recreation Commission on Thursday, November 13th. At that time, the Commission also endorsed this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Sincerely,

Cheri Lipps
Chair

cc: The Honorable Mark Begich
Jeff Dillon, Parks and Recreation

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