

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the
Request of the Mayor

Prepared by: Office of the Mayor

For reading: December 16, 2008

CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date: 1/20/09

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

AR No. 2008-322

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY NAMING AN
2 UNNAMED PARK PARCEL (LOT 8A, BLOCK 3V, PLAT OF RABBIT CREEK VIEW
3 AND RABBIT CREEK HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION REPLAT) AS 'BEAR TRACKS PARK'
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6 WHEREAS, Mayor Mark Begich formally initiated the Municipal naming process, and the
7 Anchorage Municipal Assembly subsequently approved this procedure, for an unnamed park
8 parcel in Bear Valley (Lot 8A, Block 3V, Plat of Rabbit Creek View and Rabbit Creek Heights
9 Subdivision Replat) with AM 637-2008; and

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11 WHEREAS, this parcel lies outside the Anchorage Parks Service Area and to demonstrate its
12 interest in maintaining and supporting the park, the Bear Valley Community Council has
13 adopted the park and successfully completed an Anchorage Parks Foundation Challenge Grant
14 for over \$30,000 worth of improvements to it; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Bear Valley Community Council requested that this unnamed park parcel be
17 named "Bear Tracks Park" with a unanimous resolution passed at its May 28, 2008 meeting;
18 and

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20 WHEREAS, the naming panel designed in AM 637-2008 for this park met in a publicly
21 noticed meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2008 and unanimously agreed to recommend to
22 the Anchorage Municipal Assembly the name of "Bear Tracks Park" for the unnamed parcel;
23 and

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25 WHEREAS, as indicated in the required attached letter from the naming panel, the proposed
26 name "Bear Tracks Park" conforms to the policy guidelines in AMC 3.97 by avoiding the use
27 of an individual's name for the overall name of a park and by referencing a significant
28 geographic feature of the park, an animal trail frequented by bears and other denizens of the
29 area; and

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31 WHEREAS, at its November 11, 2008 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Commission also
32 passed a unanimous resolution in favor of the proposed name, "Bear Tracks Park."
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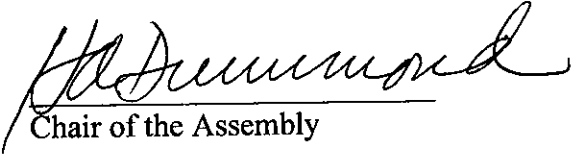
34 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:
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36 **Section 1.** To name the unnamed park parcel Lot 8A, Block 3V, Plat of Rabbit Creek
37 View and Rabbit Creek Heights Subdivision Replat as "Bear Tracks Park."
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40 **Section 2.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage and approval by the
41 Assembly.
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PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 20th day of
January, 2009.

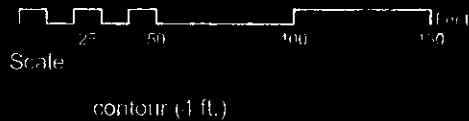

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:


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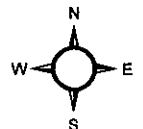
**MUNICIPAL
PARK
LAND**

Lot 8A Blk. 3V
Rabbit Creek View
1.01 Ac.



**Municipal Park
Proposed Name: "Bear Tracks Park"**

**Lot 8A Blk. 3V
Rabbit Creek View
MOA Parcel ID No.: 020-541-32**



Council Resolution – Bear Tracks Park

May 14, 2008

Whereas the Bear Valley Community Council (BVCC) is on record supporting the development of the 1-acre parcel of MOA - 5501 land known as “unnamed park”; and

Whereas the BVCC at their May general meeting approved a motion to proceed with naming the park as Bear Tracks Park; and

NOW Therefore, The Bear Valley Community Council agrees to join with Anchorage Parks and Recreation in adopting the park and to complete the development of the parcel including:

1. Providing our commitment to work with Anchorage Parks and Recreation as the coordinating organization for this project and starting work as soon as possible.
2. Assisting in seeking funding, in-kind donations, and promotion of the development effort within our council to ensure active participation from a wide cross section of our council’s residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Bear Valley Community Council formally requests that Mayor Mark Begich expeditiously take action in accordance with Municipal Code Section 3.97.030 to proceed with the process of naming the parcel Bear Tracks Park.

Adopted and approved by a vote of Bear Valley Community Council members on this day,
May 14, 2008.

Signed: _____



Cheri Lipps
Chair, Bear Valley Community Council

Date: May 14, 2008



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Mayor Mark Begich

November 18, 2008

Matt Claman, Chair
Anchorage Municipal Assembly
PO Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519

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

Community, Security, Prosperity



MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION



Submitted by: Chair of the Commission at the
Request of the Department
Director

Prepared by: Anchorage Parks and Recreation
Department

Anchorage, Alaska
RESOLUTION NO. 2008- 68

In Support of Naming Certain Park Property "Bear Tracks Park"

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory
- 2 capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility
- 5 and duty to provide for the long term vision of our park system for all residents of
- 6 Anchorage; and
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- 8 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recognizes the
- 9 importance of park naming to add meaning, significance, and uniformity to public places;
- 10 to minimize conflict and lend continuity and a sense of community; and
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recognizes that the
- 13 selection of a name that is purposeful, suitable, and symbolic can generate opportunities
- 14 for community impact, create sensitivity, promote public relations, express appreciation,
- 15 and educate; and
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- 17 **WHEREAS**, the subject property (Lot 8A Block 3V, Plat of Rabbit Creek View and Rabbit
- 18 Creek Heights Subdivision Replat) was retained for public purposes in 2004 and was
- 19 designated to Parks and Recreation management in February 2008; and
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- 21 **WHEREAS**, the Bear Valley Community Council has been active in improving the
- 22 subject park property for neighborhood use, and adopted a resolution to support formal
- 23 naming of the property in May 2008; and
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- 25 **WHEREAS**, the Community Council submitted a request to the Municipal Assembly
- 26 through the Mayor's Office in accordance with AMC 3.97.030, formally proposing to
- 27 name the subject property "Bear Tracks Park"; and
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- 29 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission finds that the proposed
- 30 name conveys the relationship of the surrounding area to the native wildlife, and
- 31 therefore meets the appropriate criteria of the Municipal Code relating to historical,

1 cultural, or geographical significance, and considering location, function, and natural
2 features; therefore

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4 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Parks and Recreation Commission supports the proposal to
5 name the subject unnamed parcel of park land "Bear Tracks Park."

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7 **PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this
8 13th day of November, 2008.

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12 Chair

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16 ATTEST:

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19 Department Director
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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM

CLERK'S OFFICE

No AM 637-2008

APPROVED

Date: 10/14/2008

Meeting Date: October 14, 2008

1 FROM: Mayor
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3 SUBJECT: Request to Name Parcel in Bear Valley as "Bear
4 Tracks Parks"
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6 Under the procedure prescribed in AMC 3 97.030, I am initiating the naming process to
7 designate an unnamed park parcel (Lot 8A Block 3V, Plat of Rabbit Creek View and
8 Rabbit Creek Heights Subdivision Replat) in Bear Valley as "Bear Tracks Park"
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10 The Bear Valley Community Council has requested this unnamed, one-acre parcel be
11 named "Bear Tracks Park" through the attached unanimous resolution. The council has
12 adopted the park and coordinated improvements to it including a successfully completed
13 2008 Parks Foundation Challenge Grant. This local support of the park and its
14 maintenance needs is paramount as the park lies outside of the Anchorage Parks Service
15 Area. Naming the parcel as requested rewards the council's initiative and stewardship of
16 this municipal resource.

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18 AMC 3 97.030 calls for the Mayor and the Assembly Chair, to name two persons each to
19 a four person panel to make a recommendation to the Assembly. I have discussed the
20 matter with the Assembly Chair and our respective nominees are listed below.

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22 Michael Johnson, from my office, along with Parks and Recreation Department staff as
23 needed, will assist the panel in holding a public meeting, deliberating on this matter, and
24 preparing a resolution for the Assembly's action.

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26 Mayoral Appointments

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28 Zareena Clendaniel Parks and Recreation Commission
29 Telequana Drive
30 Anchorage, AK 99517

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32 Michael Zoske Public Facilities Advisory Commission
33 McKenzie Drive
34 Anchorage, AK 99517

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Assembly Chair Appointments

Cheri Lipps
Nickleen Street
Anchorage, AK 99516

Ellen Stanley
Francesca Drive
Anchorage, AK 99516

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to presenting you with the outcome of the panel's deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Begich
Mayor

Attachments

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AMC Chapter 3.97 NAMING OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, OTHER FIXED FACILITIES AND PUBLIC PLACES
 3.97.030 Procedures.

A. Citizen naming panel. Preliminary action in naming a public place may be initiated by memorandum of the mayor or resolution of the assembly, identifying the proposed public place or individual, for referral to a citizen naming panel. If any request covers a public place in a municipal park, the request shall be referred to the parks and recreation commission with jurisdiction over the public place either before appointing the panel or by the panel after appointment. The four-member panel shall be appointed to proceed as follows:

1. The mayor shall appoint two members for the panel; and
2. The assembly chair shall appoint two members for the panel.
3. The naming panel may be composed of members of recognized boards and commissions.
4. An informational memorandum shall be submitted identifying the four members of the panel.
5. Municipal staff support to the panel shall be identified in the memorandum or resolution.
6. The panel shall review proposed names and public places, hold public hearing, and identify additional potential names or public places as appropriate to the request.
7. The panel shall review all requests for compliance with policy and honorary naming criteria under this chapter.

B. Upon agreement of at least three of the four panel members, a letter advising the mayor and the assembly chair shall be dispatched on behalf of the panel. The letter shall include reference to each criteria identified in 3.97.025 and how the panel considered those factors in its recommendation. The panel's letter shall be attached to a resolution for consideration by the assembly. Memoranda as appropriate may be appended to the resolution to explain or amplify relevant information for the assembly. If at least three of the four panel members are unable to agree, a divided recommendation of the panel may be submitted for assembly consideration.

C. Final action by the assembly shall be no earlier than one year posthumously for naming of a building, facility, or park. In all naming or renaming, the assembly shall set the proposed resolution addressing the panel's recommendation for public hearing at least one month after introduction to ensure appropriate information dissemination to the public prior to final action by the assembly.

(AO No. 87-73; AO No. 2006-51(S), § 4, 6-20-06; AO No. 2007-95(S), § 4, 9-25-07)