



Bear Valley Community Council  
Parks & Trails Committee

May 6, 2011

Fellow BVCC Residents,

Last year BVCC received a matching grant from the Anchorage Parks Foundation for improvements to Stork Park. Those improvements included a dog poop station, replacing failing bollards with rocks, and replacing the materials in the wind screen to make it more durable. The requirements of the matching grant program is that the sponsor (BVCC) match the grant (approx \$12,500) with labor, equipment or materials. At the time the grant proposal was submitted we didn't have any concrete estimates for any of the work items but went forward on a wishful estimate. Since that time another private donor has provided the funds for the poop station which is now installed.

The work proposed in the matching grant must be expended by October 2011. Based on the Municipality's Parks Fix It Plan I had anticipated working on the rock project first. Unfortunately due to another very time consuming volunteer commitment I have not been able to devote the many hours necessary to bring this project beyond the initial planning stage. Outstanding elements include meeting with Parks staff, developing a plan for what bollards will be replaced first, basic engineering drawings, locating rock, getting donations of rock and installation equipment, disposal of bollards, a volunteer work plan for execution of the project, etc.

At this point we need someone to take on the responsibility of Project Manager that is able to devote many hours to this task to do all of the upfront leg work as well as coordinate the actual construction of the project. The Project Manager would work in conjunction with other volunteers but would have overall project responsibility including managing and directing the other volunteers. If a Project Manager can't be identified by the end of May the grant request will be withdrawn so the funding can be utilized for other projects by the Anchorage Parks Foundation.

If you are interested in taking on the Project Manager tasks for this much needed project please let me know.

Thanks for your consideration,

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