

Dear Russian Jack Community Council,

Though we have previously discussed some of the legislative requests for park improvements in and near your neighborhood with you, this is our official request for a letter of support.

Please see below for a list of Anchorage Park Foundation 2013 legislative requests for parks in and near your community council district. I am writing to request a Community Council letter of support for any or all of the listed requests. The Anchorage Park Foundation has been, and remains, dedicated to the Russian Jack Community. The list below includes both requests within your district some that are nearby or area-wide.

PARKS WITHIN YOUR CC DISTRICT

1. Wonder Corridor Park. APF is requesting \$25,000 to improve the safety of the pathway between Russian Jack Park and Wonder Park Elementary School.
2. Dave Rose Park. APF is requesting \$168,000 to make neighborhood park safety upgrades. In 2008, Dave Rose Park received a D on its Parks Report Card. Neighbors identified a number of areas in which Dave Rose Park needed improvement. Concern was voiced about safety in the park, specifically in regards to overgrowth in forested areas, poor lighting, broken benches and tables, evidence of inappropriate activities, and extensive graffiti. The wooden play equipment also appears unsafe, as it is splintering and chipped in a number of places. Neighbors also expressed a desire for more tables and benches throughout the park. If funding is granted, APF will contribute an additional \$40,000 to address these issues.

PARKS NEAR YOUR CC DISTRICT AND AREA-WIDE REQUESTS

1. Trail Watch Safety - Youth Employment in Parks Program. APF is requesting \$100,000 for trail safety improvements to prioritized sections of the Anchorage Trail System identified by Trail Watch volunteers. Trail Watch has already surveyed the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail and the Lanie Fleischer Chester Creek Trail, and plan to assess the Campbell Creek Trail this coming fall. Many of the improvements will be made by crews from the Youth Employment in the Parks program and organized volunteer events.

To learn more about the municipal Trail Watch program:
<http://www.muni.org/departments/parks/trail/Pages/default.aspx>

To learn more about the Youth Employment in Parks program:
<http://anchorageparkfoundation.org/programs/youth-employment-parks/>

2. Anchorage Disc Golf Course Development. APF is requesting \$250,000 to plan, purchase and install disc golf courses in the Anchorage Bowl. One likely destination for a disc golf course is nearby Davis Park.

3. Northeast Anchorage Bike Skills and Pump Track. APF is requesting \$61,000 to build a bike skills and pump track course. A pump track is a biking loop with small hills and technical features for mountain bike training. The most likely destination for this course is also Davis Park.

4. Centennial Park, Pena Ballfields. APF is requesting \$50,000 to perform improvements to the Pena Ballfields.

5. Creekside Park Little League. APF is requesting \$25,000 to perform upgrades to the field, dugouts and bleachers.

6. Tikishla Park. APF is requesting \$50,000 for upgrades to Tikishla Park. In 2011, Tikishla Park received an F on its Report Card. The Report Card reveals that community members are interested in removing the defunct snack shack, converting the south ball field into a soccer field or just green space, They appreciate the safety upgrades done Summer 2011 by YEP to remove tree roots from trails between Tikishla and Nichols Park. They would like to see the woods around the park thinned out to increase visibility. If funding is granted, APF will contribute an additional \$40,000 to the project.

To see all of APF's legislative request brochures, please [click here](#).

In order to submit timely copies to the appropriate legislators, the Anchorage Park Foundation needs this letter of support by February 15, 2013. Without these letters, legislative requests are vastly less successful.

I apologize for sending this list so close to that deadline. Ideally, you will find these requests appealing. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 274-1003. I look forward to discussing them with you. I am also happy to help with letter drafting.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,
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