

Turnagain Community Council Meeting Notices, Announcements & Project Updates

Compiled by TCC Member Cathy Gleason — updated January 8, 2015

Happy New Year!

JANURAY 2015 NOTICES:

- **MOVED TO January 8 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd. (Due to New Year's Day falling on the first Thursday in January.)**
Info: TCC President Danielle Bailey, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 406-270-4770
- **January 8 — Zoning Board of Examiners and Appeals Public Hearing for 2219 Forest Park Dr., 6:30 p.m., Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.**
Case No. 2014-0190: Variance from AMC 21.40.030H. to allow a single-family residence to exceed maximum lot at 2219 Forest Park Dr., generally located east of Forest Park Dr. and south of Esquire Dr.
- **January 12— Planning & Zoning Commission Public Hearing on Adult Care Facility Condition Use Permit for 3201 Turnagain St., 6:30 p.m., Loussac Library Assembly Chambers, 3600 Denali St.**
Case No. 2014-0156 Conditional use permit being requested in accordance with AMC 21.05.040A for an adult care facility (Turnagain Adult Care) located at 3201 Turnagain St. Current zoning is R2M Mixed Residential District.
- **January 15 — TCC Bylaws Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Federation of Community Councils Conference Room, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane**
Info: Committee Chair Bill Wortman, wort0422@yahoo.com, 245-1634
- **January 21 — Anchorage Airport Stakeholders Meeting, 3:00-5:00 p.m., 5000 W. International Airport Rd., Airport Manager's 4th Floor Conference Room.** The meeting will provide an update to community members of the Airport's current business outlook, construction projects, Master Plan Update, Part 150 Noise Study, West Anchorage District Plan, Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan, concessions news, public involvement and upcoming events.
- **January 21 — Federation of Community Councils Delegate Meeting**
Info: Mark Butler, FCC Manager, info@communitycouncils.org, 277-2977
- **January TCC Board Meeting — Date, Place & Time To Be Announced**
Info: TCC President Danielle Bailey, tccpresident@yahoo.com, 406-270-4770
- **January 29 — TCC Bylaws Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Federation of Community Councils Conference Room, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane**
Info: Committee Chair Bill Wortman, wort0422@yahoo.com, 245-1634

FEBRUARY 2015 NOTICES:

- **February 5 — Turnagain Community Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Turnagain Elementary School Library, 3500 W. Northern Lights Blvd.**
Info: TCC President Danielle Bailey, daniellebmt@gmail.com, 406-270-4770
- **February 27 — Assembly Worksession re Presentation of the Quasi-Judicial Hearing Panel's Findings, 12:00 p.m., City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room, 632 West 6th Ave., Ste. 830.**
Worksession re: Presentation of the Quasi-Judicial hearing panel's findings of fact in the Eberhardt v. MOA

matter and review of the remand process by special counsel Joseph Levesque. The Assembly addressed three special improvement districts in Turnagain Heights, specifically a lateral/sewer improvement district, a road improvement district, and a water improvement district (*associated with the commonly known Marston-Foraker Road Improvement Project*).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December 28 – January 15

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING DROP-OFF will be available at all Anchorage CARRS Stores, Eagle River CARRS, and Palmer CARRS. Trees should be free of all decorations. NO Wreaths and please don't leave plastic bags or tree stands. Trees are turned into wood chips and distributed to local non-profits and parks to beautify gardens and trails. Anchorage Boy Scout Troop 268 will pick up your tree in Anchorage and Eagle River for a small optional fee. Call 868-8899 or email recyclechristmastrees@gci.net. Free **HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING** for all string lights, including bulbs, will be available at Anchorage Recycling Center or Total Reclaim.

You can now **RECYCLE THOSE OLD HOLIDAY LIGHTS at TOTAL RECLAIM FOR FREE!** Just bring your old string lights to the Total Reclaim shop Monday – Friday from 8am to 5pm. You might as well load up on all those old electronics and give them a new life while you are there! For more information, go to <http://www.totalreclaim.com/about-us/contact/> or call 561-0544.

The **MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE** is **SEEKING CITIZENS TO SERVE ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**. Each October, approximately one third (about 150) of the seats on municipal boards and commissions are appointed. Nearly all appointments are made for a three-year term. Throughout the year vacancies occur on many of our boards and commissions. Applications are kept on hand as a resource for those vacancies. You may apply at any time. For more information, go to <http://www.muni.org/Departments/Mayor/Boards/Pages/default.aspx>

PROJECT UPDATES:

- **Anchorage Airport Master Plan Update Now Complete**

Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport has completed its Master Plan Update, which will help guide future airport development. It is available online at www.ancmasterplan.com/library. Print copies of the Master Plan Update may be viewed at the Z.J. Loussac Library (3600 Denali St) and at the ANC Administration Offices (5000 W. International Airport Rd., 4th Floor). Included in the Master Plan Update is **Comment Response Report #5**. The report includes responses to comments on the public review draft of the report received between June 30 and September 1, 2014. You can view the report online via the Master Plan Update website library, or by visiting one of the location with print copies of the report listed above. *TCC provided council-approved comments on the Plan.*

- **Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update**

TCC committee's first meeting will take place sometime in January to discuss TCC input on Master Plan items, including process, public input, goals, objectives and issues important to TCC.

- **TCC Bylaws Revision**

The third bylaws revision draft put forth by the original three-member TCC committee was postponed indefinitely at our November 6th meeting. An expanded committee has met twice and will continue meeting in 2015 on a TCC Bylaws Revision to present to the council. Next committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15th (see notice above for details). The committee has set a tentative meeting schedule for the second and fourth Thursdays until its task is completed. In the meantime, the Municipal Code Default Bylaws is serving as TCC's bylaws.

Current Turnagain Community Council Committees:

COMMITTEE

CHAIR(S)/CONTACT INFO.

- ◆ Bylaws Revision
Bill Wortman, 245-1634, turnagainpres2014@yahoo.com
- ◆ Safe Routes to Schools
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- ◆ TCC Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan Update Committee
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COMMITTEE

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Anchorage Airport Update
January 2015

1. Part 150 Noise Study:

- a. Consultants submitted draft final report to FAA in mid-December for approval of recommendations and acceptance of Noise Exposure Maps. No timeline for FAA acceptance; however, anticipate response by Spring 2015.
- b. The draft final report along with public comments and responses can be found at anc150study.com.

2. ANC Master Plan:

- a. The final report is complete and can be found at www.ancmasterplan.com.

3. Lake Hood Seaplane Base Master Plan:

- a. Inventory and forecast work in progress.
- b. First Public Open House scheduled for January 29th, 5:30-7:30pm at the Millennium Hotel.
- c. Website is www.lhdmasterplan.com for information and to send comments, questions and request to receive notifications/updates.
- d. A pilot survey can be accessed via the website.

4. Concessions:

- a. Anchorage Marketplace, serving soups, salads and sandwiches, has replaced Quizno's in the C Concourse.
- b. The airport is in the process of developing an RFP for an airport hotel.
- c. Sushi on the Fly will be coming to Concourse C this spring with an assortment of Asian cuisine.
- d. A boutique clothing store and Tea/Candy/Book Store are opening in the spring of 2015 in the C Concourse.

5. 2014 Summer Construction: Outdoor construction projects are complete for the year.

6. Point Woronzof Bluff Erosion: The US Army Corps of Engineers recently received funding to perform a reconnaissance study of the bluff erosion, the first step in possibly protecting the bluff from erosion. They have begun work, which will include documentation of the issue, determination of the cause, possible alternatives for preventing the erosion and associated costs. Draft report expect mid-year in 2015.

7. Title 17 Regulations: The State is working on proposed changes to the Title 17 Regulations that address leasing of airport property. Draft proposed changes will be available for public review and comment early in 2015.

8. Airport Stakeholders Meeting: There will be a Stakeholders meeting on Wednesday, January 21 at 3pm in the Airport Managers Office in the C Concourse 4th Floor Staff Offices. The public is welcome.

9. Sign up for GovDelivery: www.anchorageairport.com to receive emails on all sorts of DOT related things.

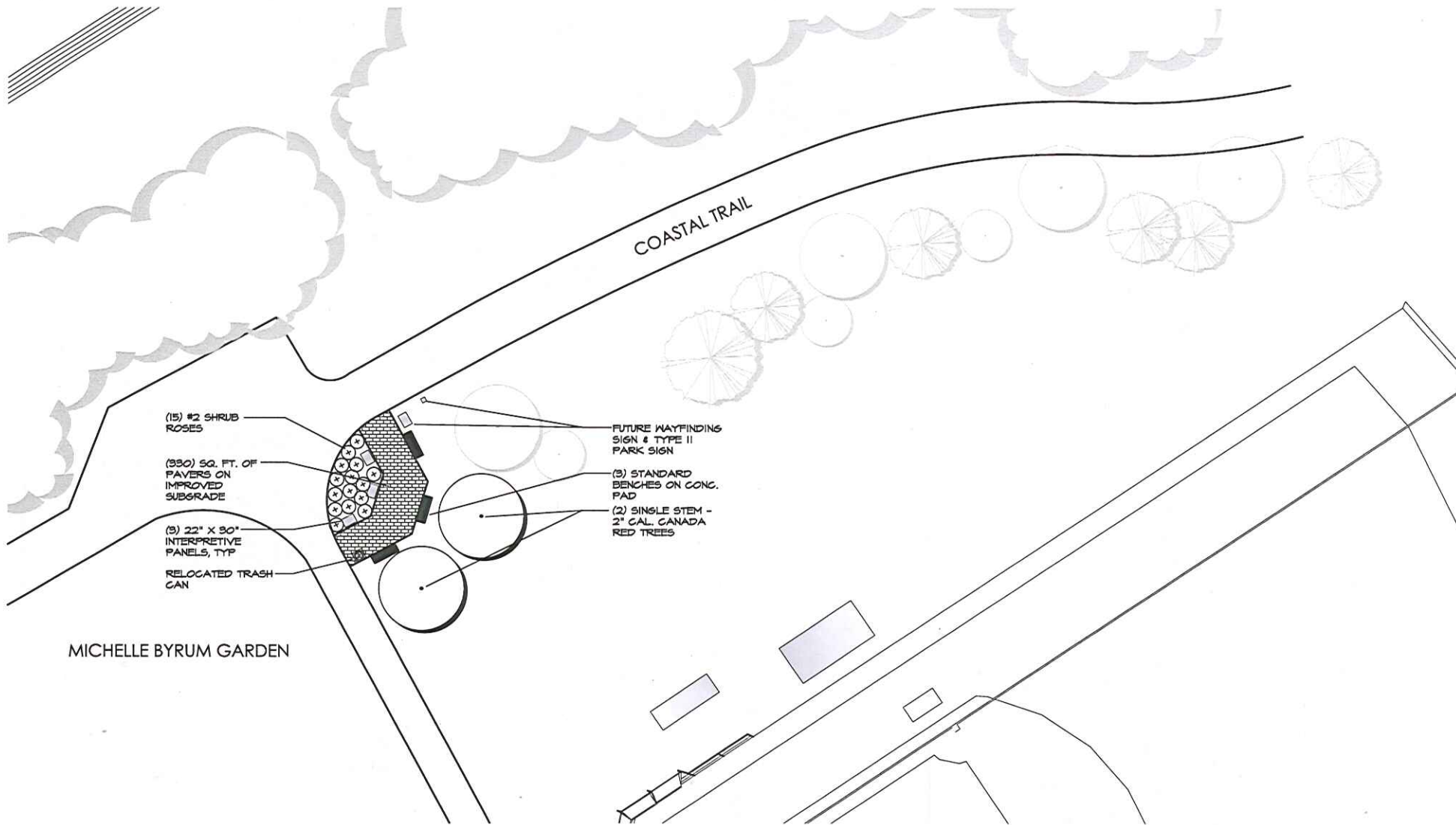
10. Visit us on Facebook and Twitter.



Lyn Ary Park

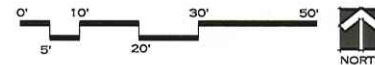
2015 Improvements

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Lyn Ary Park Gateway & Interpretive Panel Concept

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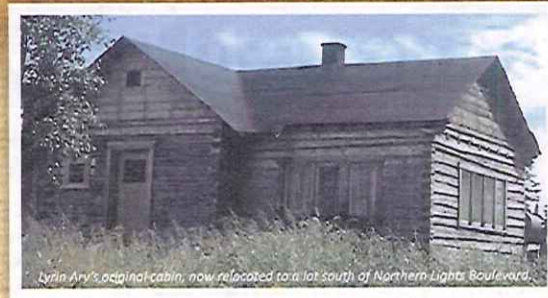
Lyn Ary Park



MARSTON
FOUNDATION



From its humble homestead beginnings, Lyn Ary Park has become a gathering place for the Turnagain Community and is enjoyed by Anchorage's residents and visitors. Enjoy this wonderful park that is the gift of hundreds of dedicated volunteers and many benevolent philanthropic interests.



Lyn Ary's original cabin, now relocated to a lot south of Northern Lights Boulevard.

While you are here:



- Enjoy a stroll down the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail
- Look for Beluga Whales along Knik Arm
- See if Denali is peaking above the trees in the distance
- Enjoy a walk through the Michelle Byrum Memorial Garden
- Watch a ballgame
- Let the kids scramble over the play equipment

To make sure everyone has a safe, healthy park visit, please:

- Visit the park between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.
Park is closed between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Refrain from using motorized vehicles in parks and on trails.
- Help keep our parks clean. Please take your trash with you.
- Keep your dogs and other pets on a leash and under your control. Pick up your pet's waste and pack it out.
- Cooperate in keeping restrooms clean and sanitary.
- Cook only in safe grilling sites using grills or barbecues and properly dispose the hot coals. Please do not build campfires and be watchful of fire hazards.
- Do not damage or deface natural resources, structures or equipment.
- Enjoy viewing wildlife but do not harm animals or birds.
- Be BEAR AWARE. When recreating in bear country, please travel in groups of 3 or more, make noise and carry bear spray. Obey trail closure notices for your own safety.
- Do not discharge firearms of any kind in any Anchorage park.
- Be courteous of other trail users. In particular, skateboarders, skaters and cyclists should watch out for pedestrians and others.
- Refrain from consuming alcoholic beverages in parks.
- HAVE FUN!

Lyn Ary Park Interpretive Panel (1)

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Homestead Days



Lyrin Ary, Master Sergeant Russian Army

Lyrin (Lyn) Ary was a supply sergeant in the Russian Army at the end of World War I. When he received an order for 10,000 pairs of shoes, none of which had soles, he knew he'd be held responsible. He left his station in Germany, ending up in the Territory of Alaska where he homesteaded within what is now known as "Turnagain".

As he aged, Lyn Ary became interested in selling parts of his homestead. However, all his prospects felt it was simply too far out of town from the 3500-person community of Anchorage. In 1941, 11 year old Brooke Marston wandered across the Alaska Railroad Tracks and Fish Creek, and happened on Lyn Ary's homestead. Brooke was convinced that his father, Major Marvin R. Marston, needed to meet Mr. Ary. After tramping around looking at properties in the area, Major Marston bought a portion of Mr. Ary's property on Knik Arm and eventually bought not only Mr. Ary's property, but adjacent property owned by pioneer dentist Dr. McCollie.



Major Muktuk Marston, Father of the Territorial Guard

Major Marvin 'Muktuk' Marston worked in special services at Elmendorf Field during WWII. He also acted as a special aide to the governor of Alaska and organized the Alaska Territorial Guard, known as the 'Eskimo Scouts'. The Scouts provided eyes and ears on the southwestern and western coasts, watching for Japanese invaders.

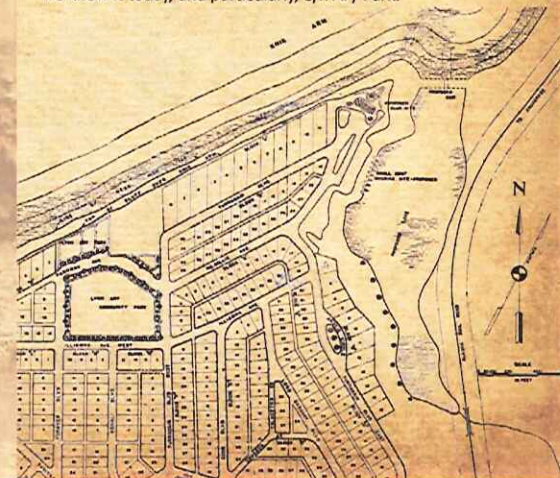
Muktuk Marston saw the need for defense of the Alaskan coast. After the bombing of Dutch Harbor, he and Capt. Carl Schreiber flew to the western coast to set up units of the Territorial Guard. With organizers of the Territorial Guard, Muktuk Marston traveled by foot, airplane, snowmobile, and dogsled to organize the troops. One epic trip required 680 miles by dogsled in one of the coldest winters on record. The line of defense established by the Territorial Guard was important to the defense of Alaska against Japanese invasion. It also protected the Lend-Lease route which was a flyway used to provide aircraft to Russia to fend off Hitler's troops and aircraft during World War II.



Turnagain-By-The-Sea

After his service in the military, Muktuk Marston returned to his homestead, lived in a tent, and sold smoked fish to make a living. His visions were much grander, however, and in 1947 he, Lyn Ary, and J.C. Morris filed a plat for a development in the Turnagain area with multiple visions for the future.

Early plats showed that these pioneers envisioned the Lyn Ary Park site as the "future State Capitol of Alaska." Other plats established "Turnagain-By-The-Sea" as a residential neighborhood and provided for Lyn Ary Park. By 1952, Marston laid out his subdivision, hanging pieces of toilet paper in the trees, which the bulldozers dutifully followed, creating many of the streets and homesites that define "Turnagain-By-The-Sea" as we know it today, and particularly, Lyn Ary Park.



Lyn Ary Park Interpretive Panel (2)

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After a Shaky Start, Quite a Park



Visions!

A number of plats that were prepared by Muktuk Marston and his associates envisioned not only a reservation for the State Capitol, but also a small boat harbor that would be constructed in the Fish Creek Estuary, with a lake that would be created by a dam. One plat also noted a golf course on the eastern side of the Alaska Railroad tracks.



Though some of the amenities fell by the wayside, the neighborhood looks much the way that Marston laid it out. Many of the lots were afforded views of Knik Arm and distant peaks of the Alaska Range. Homes sat above the inlet on a bluff over 100' high. Lyn Ary Park was all upland, occupying key land at the heart of the Turnagain-By-The-Sea neighborhood. Little did the residents realize how quickly their peaceful neighborhood would change.

The Great Quake

The 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake changed Southcentral Alaska forever. Even more, for Turnagain-By-The-Sea, it was devastating. The ground shaking which lasted 4 minutes induced a landslide that began 1-1/2 minutes after the ground began to shake and lasted a full minute after it stopped. It destroyed 75 homes in the neighborhood.

Bob Atwood, editor and publisher of the Anchorage Daily News lived on Marston Drive and offered this first person account:

"I headed for the door, carrying my trumpet. At the door I saw walls weaving. This was no place for me. Out onto the driveway I went. On the driveway I turned and watched my house squirm and groan, as though in last mortal agony. It was though someone had engaged it in a gigantic taffy pull, stretching it, shrinking it and twisting it."

I became aware of the falling of tall trees in our yard and I moved to a spot where I thought I would be safe. But as I moved, I saw cracks appear in the earth. Pieces of ground in jig-saw puzzle shapes moved up and down, tilted at all angles. I tried to move away, but more appeared in every direction.

I was moving toward my neighbor's house, but I noticed that my house was moving away from me fast. My neighbor's house was not standing still. All the world was in a weird frenzy.

A chasm opened beneath me. I tumbled down. It seemed to be an endless fall. Soft sand cushioned the impact. I was quickly on the verge of being buried. I was only one of many bits of debris tumbling into that chasm. I found I couldn't pull my right arm from the sand. It was buried to the shoulder. Most of the rest of my body was also covered. I let go of my trumpet and my arm pulled free easily.

Then, I had the awful experience of watching my neighbor's home slowly collapse and slide into the chasm. For a time it threatened to come down on top of me, but the earth was still moving and the chasm opened to receive the house."

Below: "Muktuk" Marston surveys the damage



From the Efforts of Many, a Great Park

After the Earthquake, the neighborhood that was affected by the slide was largely bulldozed. You will probably note that the park features two levels, one approximately 25 feet above the other. This gives you an idea of how far back the landslide reached. From that reclamation though has emerged a great public park.



Numbers of community volunteers and organizations have created this park. Muktuk Marston owned part of the park he'd helped plat and he leased his portion to the city for \$1.00 per year. He also donated money to Babe Ruth baseball and Boys and Girls Club to establish the ballfields. That mantle of responsibility was carried for many years by architect Bob Durst who spent countless hours maintaining and caring for park facilities. He worked to keep baseball fields, as well as baseball games and practices, an important component of Lyn Ary Park.

Neighbors and other valuable volunteers have raised money for playground equipment, tennis courts, and gardens.



The local chapter of the National Association of Catering Executives helped establish Michelle Byrum Memorial Garden to recognize a vibrant, wonderful young woman who was killed in an automobile accident.

The Turnagain Community Council, Hillside Rotary Club, Anchorage Park Foundation, West Little League and TREErific were instrumental in numerous tree plantings within the park. They also continue efforts to maintain and improve Michelle Byrum Memorial Garden, establishing a gateway to the park that also recognizes Bob Durst.

Lyn Ary Park Interpretive Panel (3)

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PARKS & RECREATION



TREE/LIMB THINNING - MAINTENANCE PROPOSAL

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THESE PLANS PRESENT A GRAPHICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PRELIMINARY TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO HELP GUIDE THE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.

THE PROPOSAL WOULD INCLUDE:

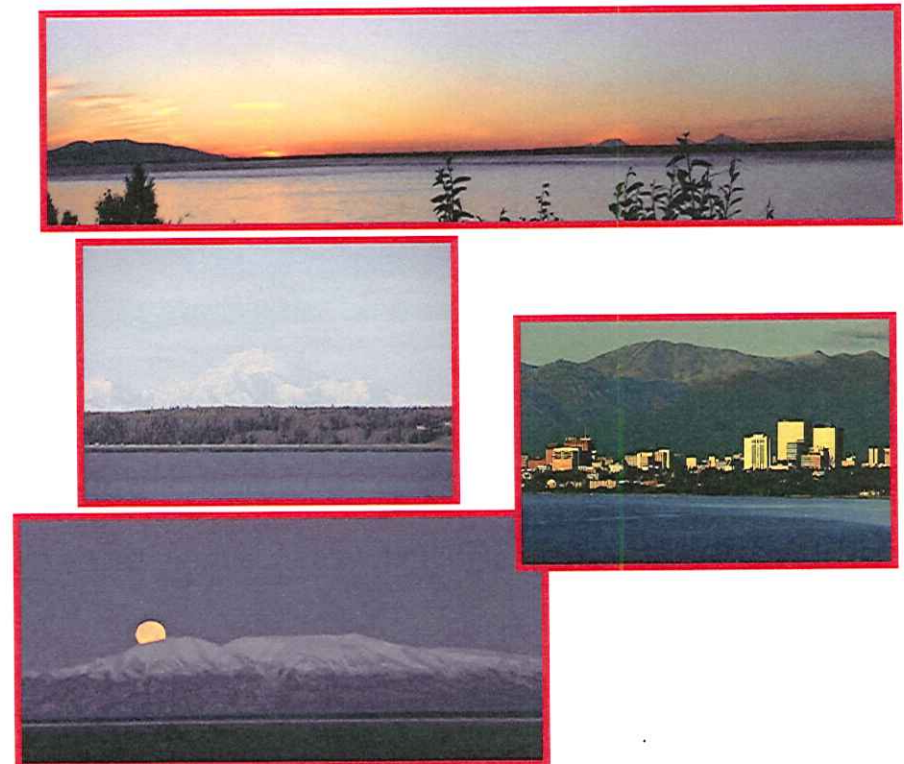
1. REMOVING SELECTED FULL STEM TREES, LEAVING ROOTS IN PLACE;
2. PRUNING SELECTED LIMBS OF LARGE SHRUBS AND TREES;
3. ADDITION OF INDIGENOUS LOW-GROWING PLANT MATERIAL TO ASSIST IN BANK STABILIZATION.

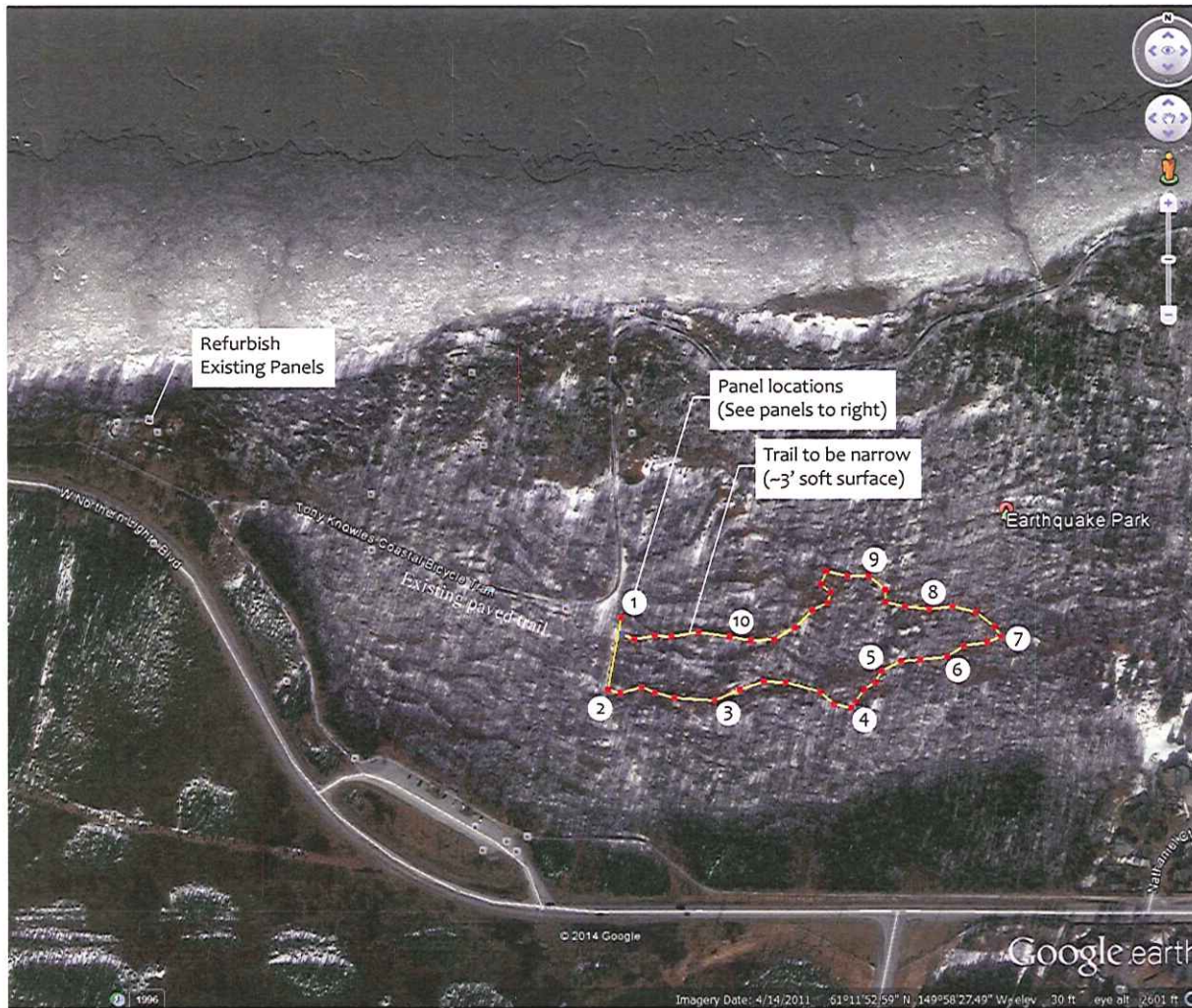
NOTE: TREES AND LIMBS WOULD BE SELECTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A STAFF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND AS RECOMMENDED BY TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

EXISTING "VIEWS" (OVER-GROWN)



POTENTIAL VIEWS





1- Welcome to Earthquake Park Interpretive Site
Where the "World Comes a World Journey of Telling Joy-Can Parks"

2- I'm Not from Here
I traveled a long way and brought some friends with me!

3- Earthquake Park's Hidden Ponds
Lower Tundra

4- Grand Central Station for Wildlife
Earthquake Park's Wildlife Sanctuaries

5- Rings of the Forest
Earthquake Park's Tall White Spruce

6- Soil Tells a Story
Soils, sites, and slopes

7- The High Points
They aren't always massive peaks of granite

8- A Stretch towards the Sun
Downside varieties of a valley... slow... ahead

9- Stepping Forward into the Void
How something? How in the World?

10- Black Spruce
A Spruce Stand in Earthquake Park

Earthquake Park Interpretive Material

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