

# Rogers Park Community Council

(including Anchor Park, College Village, Woodside East and Rogers Park)

## **A Resolution Opposing Development of Tennis Courts in the Chester Creek Greenbelt**

**WHEREAS**, Les Sheppard, former Alaska real estate developer, proposes that a multiple acre parcel of Anchorage Municipal land (designated as PLI) located immediately north of Northern Lights Blvd. between Career Center Drive and the footbridge over Northern Lights Blvd. at Goose Lake be designated for use as a tennis club facility;

**WHEREAS**, the parcel is wooded and serves as a drainage area to the Middle Fork and South Fork of Chester Creek, a habitat for a variety of wildlife and a trail area for skiing, walking, hiking, biking and wildlife observation;

**WHEREAS**, the current design would create an unsafe intersection with Northern Lights Blvd;

**WHEREAS**, the demand for such a tennis facility has not been demonstrated;

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal constraints on the Municipal budget, specifically the Parks and Recreation budget have been demonstrated and that such a facility is not affordable;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the RPCC hereby resolves to oppose the designation of the specific parcel for tennis because such designation would irreparably alter the natural open space and character of the park land.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Rogers Park Community Council on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, by a vote of: 10 FOR, 3 AGAINST, 4 ABSTAIN.



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