

Scenic Foothills Community Council
Chugach Foothills Park Improvements

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department has been working closely with a Community Advisory Group (CAG) whom serve in an advisory capacity to aid in the development of the Chugach Foothills Park Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the project is currently being funded by the 2017 Municipal Park Bond for \$250,000 and a \$4,700 contribution from the Anchorage Park Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks and Recreation Staff is continuing to work with the STrEaM Academy and neighbors from the disability community to further refine the park improvements in the playground and its vicinity; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks and Recreation Staff have conducted thorough site analysis which looked at the four (4) adjacent census blocks (17.02,17.31,17.32,17.01), resulting in identification of 8 Child Care Providers; 32 Assisted Living Facilities; population analysis of residents living with disabilities: 204 under the age of 18; 2,153 ages 18 to 64 and 977 over age 65 living with disabilities; and of that population 33% had hearing difficulty, 17% vision difficulty, 22% ambulatory difficulty, 21% cognitive difficulty; and

WHEREAS, Anchorage Parks and Recreation Staff have conducted thorough community survey resulting in 107 responses which were used to identify the opportunities and constraints of the park, playground equipment preferences, preferred play activities; preferred playground themes, etc., of which has informed the playground design concept; and

WHEREAS, Community Advisory Group has the goal to renovate the existing playground site utilizing the existing playground footprint and replace the equipment with new inclusive play equipment and surfacing for all ages and abilities in a science themed and graffiti-resistant concept; and


WHEREAS, the improvements include: renovated playground equipment and swings including ADA accessible surfacing; replace existing circular planter in center of play area with ADA inclusive and intergenerational outdoor music equipment ensemble; drainage improvements around play and volleyball court; rehabilitated existing basketball court; vegetation thinning and selective tree removal for improved site-lines; remove and replace sub-soils in parking lot median for improved plant habitat; and

WHEREAS, the improvements will improve safety of the park with the improved site-lines and vandal-resistant play equipment; and the proposed improvements require little to no additional maintenance and will continue to be maintained by the MOA Parks;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Scenic Foothills Community Council approves the proposed improvements at Chugach Foothills Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Scenic Foothills Community Council this 1st day of March, 2018.

Voting Yes: 11
Voting No: 0



Jamie Lang, President
Scenic Foothills Community Council

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Signed 3/2/2018