

**Turnagain Community Council Resolution  
Regarding Dedication Status for all Turnagain Parkland**

WHEREAS, the *2006 Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource, and Recreation Facility Plan* (page 4), states, “Anchorage’s parks, natural open space, greenbelts, trails, viewsheds, and access to thousands of acres of wilderness give special character to the city and all-season access to adventure and nature. In return, parks add charm to neighborhoods, increase property values, and provide a balance between nature and urban development”; and

WHEREAS, the *2001 Anchorage Bowl 2020 Comprehensive Plan Parks, Trails, Recreation Policy #85* (page 89), states, “Municipal land acquired for or converted to long-term or permanent park or recreational uses shall be officially dedicated as parkland”; and

WHEREAS, the *2012 West Anchorage District Plan* (page 194) states, “The Parks Plan recommends *designated* parklands convert to *dedicated* parklands...” and

WHEREAS, the *2010 Lyn Ary Park Master Plan Title and Dedication Recommended Actions*, recommends dedication of all land associated with Lyn Ary Park not currently dedicated (described on page 8 and shown in Fig. 3, page 9, which area attached as A & B) and rezoned to PR: Parks and Recreation Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department has identified parkland within the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) boundaries that has only designated, rather than dedicated, status (see Attachment C – Park List & Attachment D – Park Map); and

WHEREAS, *Anchorage Municipal Code (AMC) 25.10.080.B - Use of municipal property for park and recreational purposes* states, “The assembly, by ordinance, may dedicate specifically described property for permanent or long-term park or recreational purposes under the meaning of Charter section 10.02(8). Following October 16, 1979, no municipal lands may be formally dedicated to permanent or long-term public park or recreational use except as provided by ordinance”; and


WHEREAS, *AMC 21.04.060.F.1: PR: Parks and Recreation District Purpose* states, “The PR district is intended to include municipal lands dedicated by the assembly as parks in accordance with AMC 25.10.080”; and

WHEREAS, Turnagain residents, the community at large, and visitors to our city have for many years enjoyed the parkland and natural open space, including coastal areas, tidelands, estuaries and naturally wooded areas in west Anchorage within the TCC boundaries, and value the quality-of-life benefits these areas provide our neighborhood — and formal parkland dedication of these lands provides a much higher assurance of protection, as *AMC 25.30.020 – Disposal by ordinance* states, “An ordinance disposing of municipal land formally dedicated to permanent or long-term park or recreational purposes is valid only upon approval by a majority of those voting on the questions at a regular or special election”;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Turnagain Community Council requests support from the Parks and Recreation Commission, and action by the Anchorage Assembly, to dedicate as parkland, and rezone as PR, all currently owned Municipal designated parkland within the TCC boundaries (including those specifically identified on Attachment C) as well as any property transferred to the Municipality in the future within the TCC boundaries that is intended for use as parkland.

APPROVED by Turnagain Community Council, this 5th day of March, 2015, by a vote of  
Yes - 12, No - 3.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Tarrant, Turnagain Community Council Vice President, acting on behalf of TCC President Danielle Bailey

## 2010 Lyn Ary Park Master Plan, Title and Dedication Recommended Actions

# Lyn Ary Park Master Plan

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## Title and Dedication

### OVERVIEW

Five platted parcels and one unplatted parcel make up the property known as Lyn Ary Park (See Figure 3, page 9). The much-loved and popular parklands are both important to the Turnagain neighborhood and the Coastal-Trail-using public.

Most of Lyn Ary Park property (11.7 of 13.5+ Acres composed of two platted parcels – in red and blue on the Ownership and Dedication Map) is owned by the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) and is dedicated parkland. Two separate platted parcels and one unplatted parcel (in Yellow, Turquoise and Pink) are owned by the Municipality of Anchorage and have not been dedicated as parkland by the Municipal Assembly. There is one in-holding containing 1.08 acres (in Purple) that is owned by the Marston Foundation whose beneficiaries are Alaska Natives, including Eskimos, Indians, and Aleuts, residing west of the 156th Meridian.

All of the property within Lyn Ary Park is zoned R-1A Single-Family Residential. This zoning district is for urban and suburban single-family residential areas with low population densities. This district is governed by section 21.40.030 of the municipal code.

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

Regarding Ownership, Dedication and Zoning, the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan recommends:

- Acquire land within Lyn Ary Park that is currently owned by the Marston Foundation and dedicate that land as Municipal Parkland as part of Lyn Ary Park. (Purple on Figure 3, page 9);
- For the parcel whose title has been challenged, that land should be dedicated as Municipal Parkland as part of Lyn Ary Park, assuming the case is resolved in the Municipality's favor. (Turquoise on Figure 3, page 9);
- The parcel owned by the Municipality that includes the Municipal Tidelands and adjacent uplands should be platted as a parcel for later designation as Municipal Parkland as a part of Lyn Ary Park. The parcel currently has no platted boundaries. (Yellow on Figure 3, page 9);
- The other parcel that the MOA already has clear title to and that has not been dedicated should be dedicated as Municipal Parkland as part of Lyn Ary Park. (Pink on Figure 3, page 9);
- All parcels within the Lyn Ary Park Boundaries should be re-zoned to PR once the new designation exists under the new Title 21. (Green on Figure 3, page 9).

See Appendix I (page 57) for a History of Platting and Ownership of Lyn Ary Park parcels.

Lyn Ary Park Master Plan, Figure 3

Lyn Ary Park Master Plan

Figure 3: Title and Dedication Graphic



**Turnagain Community Council Park Dedication 3-5-2015 Resolution — Attachment C.**

**Turnagain Parkland List Identifying Designated/Dedicated Status**

Provided by the Municipality of Anchorage Parks And Recreation Department to Turnagain Community Council 3-5-2015

	PARK NAME	ADDRESS	AREA (acres)	DEDICATION STATUS (AO/RES)	
1	Arctic Circle Park	Loussac Dr./Arctic Circle	0.3	YES	RES 2-R-71
2	Atwood Park	Atwood Dr./Hillcrest Dr.	0.08	NO	
3	Balto Seppala Park	3360 Wisconsin St.	17.89	YES	AO 84-199
4	Barbara Street Park (portion)	3109 Barbara St.	3.21	YES	AO 84-199
5	Clay Park	Clay Products Dr./Tazlina Ave.	1.31	YES	AO 90-71(S)
6	Didlika Park	2470 McKenzie Dr.	0.4	YES	RES 2-R-71
7	Earthquake Park	4801 Pt. Woronzof Dr.	134.38	YES	AO 84-199
8	Fish Creek Estuary	Fish Creek/Knik Arm	29.95	NO	
9	Fish Creek Greenbelt (Part)	3508 Iowa Dr.	0.55	NO(?)	Plat 85-296
10	Huntington Park	W. No. Lights/Forest Park Dr.	2.31	YES	AO 84-199
11	Huntington Park Addition	Lahonda Dr.	1.12	NO	
12	Illiamna (Avenue) Park	3417 Illiamna Ave.	0.25	NO	
13	Kiwanis Fish Creek Park (portion)	3907 Turnagain Blvd. E.	5.91	YES	AO 84-199
14	Lloyd Steele Park	2931 Leighton St.	15	Partial	AO 84-199
		North 640 ft. (approx.)	9.7	NO	
15	Lyn Ary Park	2009 Foraker	14.13 (est.)	Partial	RES 2-R-71, AO 84-199, AO 90-71(S)
		(Northwesterly Parcels)	2.96 (est.)	NO	
16	Marston (Drive) Park	2151 Pete's Pl.	0.39	YES	AO 90-71(S)
17	Pete's Park	Pete's Pl./W. Marston Dr.	0.19	YES	AO 90-71(S)
18	Point Woronzof Overlook	Point Woronzof Dr./Hutson Dr.	6.42	NO	(airport prop.)
19	Point Woronzof Park	7251 Pt. Woronzof Dr.	191.7	YES	AO 94-194
20	Spenard Beach Park	3412 Lakeshore Dr.	6.88	NO	(airport prop.)
21	M. E. Sullivan Park (portion)	1701 Hillcrest Dr.	89.28	Partial	AO 84-199, AO 90-71(S)
		Tr. A, Lagoon Est. Subd.	4.41	NO	
22	Telaquana Park	2260 Kissee Ct.	3.23	Partial	AO 90-71(S)
		Lot 3, Telaquana Hgts. Subd.	1.7	NO	
23	Unnamed	Pt. Woronzof Dr.	6.07	NO	

# Turnagain Community Council Park Dedication 3-5-2015 Resolution — Attachment D.

## Turnagain Parkland Map

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