

**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 29, 2013

TO: Director, Department of Health and Human Services
Director, Parks and Recreation

FROM: Chair, Animal Control Advisory Board *DAF for NRK*

SUBJECT: Arctic Benson Off Leash Dog Area

Attached is Animal Control Advisory Board Resolution 2013-01 recommending establishment of a fenced, off leash dog area within Arctic Benson Park. This resolution was passed unanimously by the Animal Control Advisory Board at their regular meeting of January 24, 2013.

AMC 17.10.90A provides that additional off leash dog park areas may be established in the Municipality upon the recommendation of the Animal Control Advisory Board, concurrence of the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Mayor and the approval of the Assembly. Our Resolution 2013-01 provides our recommendation.

While they were somewhat out of synch, we believe that the Parks & Recreation Commission's Resolution 2013-02 which they passed on January 10, 2013 satisfies their concurrence requirement under AMC 17.10.090A. If the Mayor also concurs, we would ask that this recommendation be submitted for final approval action by the Assembly at the earliest opportunity.

If either the Mayor or the Assembly have questions of the Board concerning our recommendation to establish this additional off leash dog park area, we would be happy to provide additional information.

ATTCH: ACAB Resolution 2013-01

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RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01**

WHEREAS the Animal Control Advisory Board has been supportive of the establishment of a fenced off leash dog area for several years; and

WHEREAS the Board has recommended designation of more than one such area in the past without success; and

WHEREAS such areas are highly beneficial for dog training, sight hound exercise, and secure exercise for smaller and/or infirm dogs; and

WHEREAS no off leash dog areas exist within the Downtown or Midtown areas of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS many Midtown residents have dogs in multi-family residences which currently can only be exercised on leash; and

WHEREAS the Midtown Community Council has supported establishment of a fenced off leash area at Arctic Benson Park for over a year now and given its creation high priority; and

WHEREAS creation of such a facility at this park would aid greatly in park reclamation as increased use by the general public would diminish unauthorized camping and/or criminal activity; and

WHEREAS the Animal Control Advisory Board conceptually supported creation of this off leash area over a year ago and has recognized that it would help fulfill an unmet community need; and

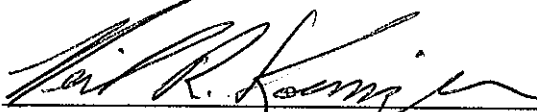
WHEREAS funding has been identified for the development of a fenced off leash dog area for the Arctic Benson Park; and

WHEREAS AMC 17.10.090 requires recommendation of the Animal Control Advisory Board prior to the establishment of additional off leash dog areas within the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, the Animal Control Advisory Board hereby resolves:

That a fenced, off leash dog area be authorized for Arctic Benson Park and incorporated in Title 17 along with other currently authorized off leash areas.

PASSED and Approved by the Animal Control Advisory Board this 24th day of January, 2013.



Chair, Animal Control Advisory Board