



Municipality of Anchorage

August 29, 2016

Jon Dyson, Chair
Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission

Re: Municipality of Anchorage vote by mail ballot boxes on MOA properties used for recreational purposes

Dear Chair Dyson and Commissioners:

As you may have heard, the Municipality of Anchorage is implementing voting by mail. Part of the project is to provide drop boxes around the Municipality that can be used by those voters who would like the option of using a free drop box over placing their voted ballot into the mail. The drop boxes are about the size of a traditional U.S. Post Office mail box. Attached is a picture of one of the ballot boxes, which was successfully used on a trial run last year at the Fairview Recreation Center.

In addition to other sites around Anchorage, the Municipality has selected three sites for which the Municipality would appreciate the support of the Parks and Recreation Commission: Fairview Recreation Center, Spenard Recreation Center, and the Sullivan Arena. Please see attached maps.

These sites have been identified as good locations for the following reasons:

- High visibility and lighting; security.
- Good off-street traffic flow.
- Accessibility for both walk-ups and vehicles, with nearby parking if needed.
- Snow removal and sanding services already in place.
- Municipally owned, to avoid lease and liability costs.
- Convenient location for the general public.

The proposed locations have been vetted with the Municipal Traffic Department.

The plan is to temporarily place a single municipal ballot drop box at each location during municipal election cycles - currently early March through the first Tuesday in April each year, starting in 2017. During the election cycle, each box would be open 24/7 for people to drop off their ballot. Facilities managers will be able to control traffic and other issues that may arise. The Municipality would be responsible for the placement, care, usage, and removal of the boxes.

The Municipality of Anchorage would appreciate a resolution in support from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

Regards,


Elvi Gray-Jackson
Chair, Anchorage Assembly


Barbara A. Jones
Municipal Clerk



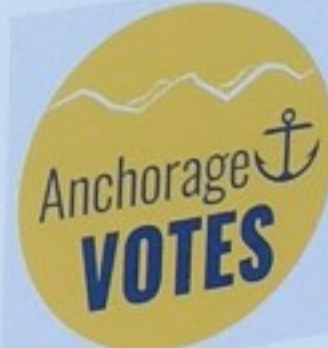
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Ballot Drop Box

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Deposet Ballot Envelope Above
Before you deposit your
ballot, make sure:
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• You signed your envelope
This box closes at 8:00 p.m. on election night

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Fairview Community Recreation Center

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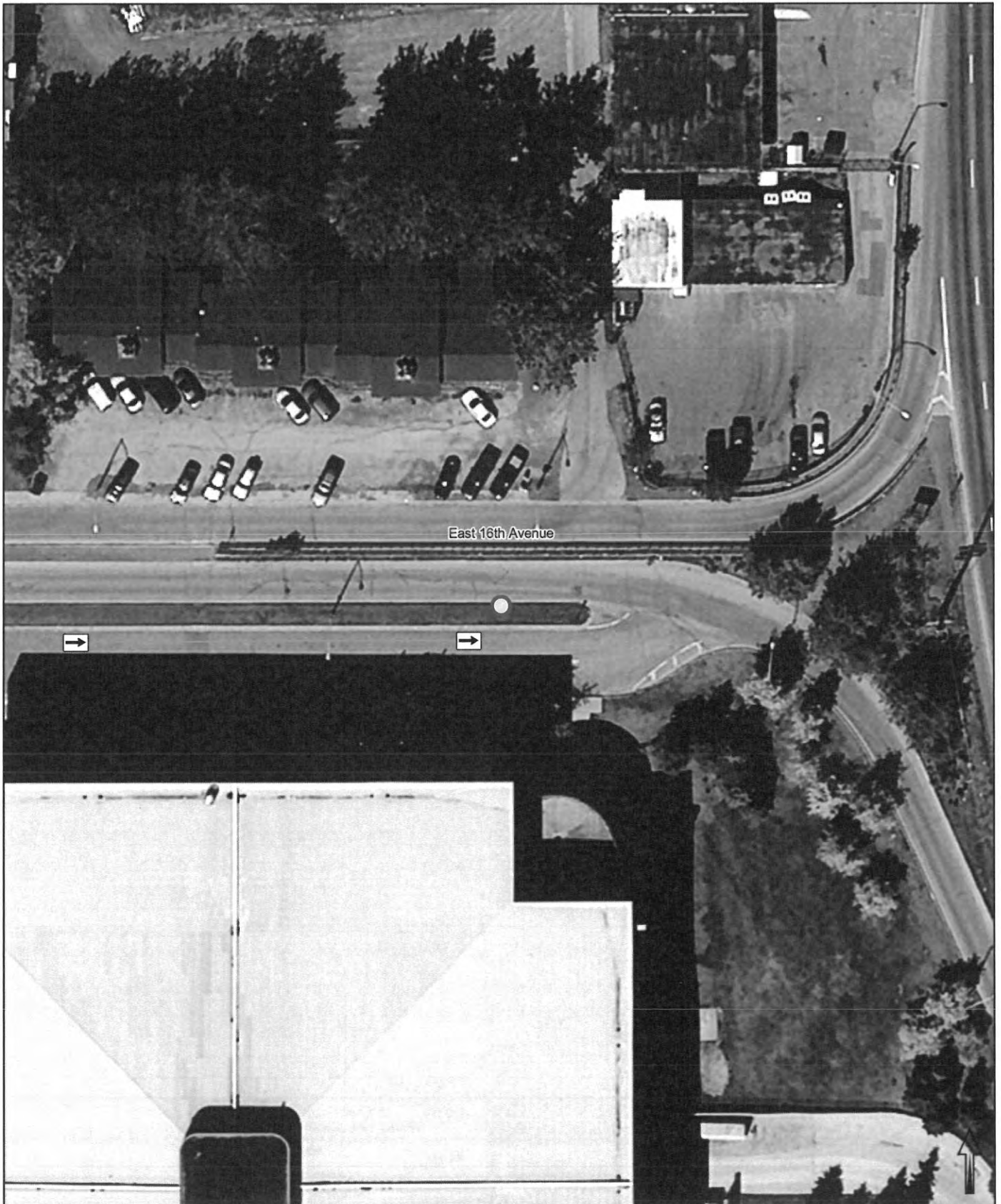


Date: 5/3/2016

Spenard Community Recreation Center
Anchorage Bowl
2020 W 48th Ave
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Sullivan Arena
Anchorage Bowl
1600 Gambell St
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Resolution No. 2016-23

Request for Approval to Place Ballot Drop Boxes at Recreation Centers

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long term vision of our park system by ensuring that a balance of parks, natural resources, and recreation facilities provides for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Municipal recreation centers serve the community and neighborhoods in a variety of ways; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality offers voting by mail and desires to make the process convenient for the public; and

WHEREAS, Municipal recreation centers such as Fairview Recreation Center and Spenard Recreation Center, as well as the Sullivan Arena, are potentially convenient sites to accommodate ballot drop boxes to accept vote-by-mail ballots; and

WHEREAS, hosting ballot drop boxes at these sites would not impair recreational uses of these sites; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission would not object to the placement of ballot drop boxes at Fairview and Spenard Recreation Centers and at the Sullivan Arena, and potentially at other Municipal recreation facilities if approved by the Municipal Clerk and Parks and Recreation staff.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 8th day of September 2016.

Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

John H. Rodda, Director
Parks & Recreation Department