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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 3, 2017

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

From: Parks and Recreation Department

PRC 2017-13: Proposed Naming of a Public Facility:

Project: **Allan E. Tesche Pathway**

Background and Proposal

The Parks and Recreation Commission is asked to consider and make a recommendation regarding a proposal to name a paved pathway at Delaney Park as the "Allan E. Tesche Pathway" in honor of the longtime South Addition neighborhood resident.

AMC Chapter 3.97 states the policy regarding naming of public places, and provides criteria or factors to consider when considering names for public places in general and park facilities in particular. A copy of AMC 3.97 is attached for reference.

A naming panel appointed by the Assembly in accordance with AMC Chapter 3.97 held a public hearing on March 1, 2017, to consider the proposed naming. Notes from the meeting are attached, including testimony as to the attributes of Mr. Tesche and his relationship to the South Addition neighborhood area and Anchorage community. A letter from the panel is also attached for reference, and indicates support for the proposed naming.

The attached resolution from the South Addition Community Council identifies positive contributions and qualities of support to the community and Delaney Park. The Council resolution was passed May 19, 2016, in support of the proposed naming.

Analysis and Findings

The attached letter from the naming panel dated March 2, 2017, notes the policy and criteria of AMC Chapter 3.97 and summarizes the findings of the panel with respect to the criteria.

The Parks and Recreation Department generally concurs with many of the findings of the naming panel as set forth in the attached letter and agrees that many criteria are satisfactorily met. Additional information, if available, in support of certain criteria would be helpful.

Recommendation

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that the Parks and Recreation Commission adopt the attached resolution in support of the proposed naming of the pathway at G Street connecting 9th Avenue and 10th Avenue at Delaney Park as Allan E. Tesche Pathway.

Attachments: AMC 3.97; South Addition Community Council Resolution and Minutes, May 19, 2016; Notes from March 1, 2017, Naming Panel Public Hearing; Letter from the naming panel to Mayor and Assembly dated March 2, 2017; AR 2015-238; Excerpts from Delaney Park Master Plan; aerial photograph.



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PRC Resolution

No. 2017-05
Proposed Naming of a Public Facility
Allan E. Tesche Pathway

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, AMC Chapter 3.97 provides for naming of public facilities, in particular internal areas, fixtures, and features integral to public spaces, in honor of individual citizens identified as outstanding local, state, national, or international civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, the South Addition Community Council has recognized Allan E. Tesche for support of community issues including urban beautification, and as an advocate for “growth and development” of Delaney Park; and

WHEREAS, G Street between 9th Avenue and 10th Avenue has not been constructed as roadway and instead the right-of-way functions as a continuation of Delaney Park, with a paved pathway connecting 9th and 10th Avenues; and

WHEREAS, the South Addition Community Council at its May 19, 2016, meeting voted in favor of naming of the “footpath” at Delaney Park connecting G Street between 9th and 10th Avenues after Mr. Tesche; and

WHEREAS, the Naming Panel appointed by the Anchorage Assembly unanimously recommends naming of the paved pathway connecting G Street between 9th and 10th Avenues at Delaney Park as the Allan E. Tesche Pathway in memory of Mr. Tesche; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission acknowledges the above as testimony as to the extraordinary contributions of Allan E. Tesche, to the benefit of the citizens of Anchorage and its visitors; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Assembly name the paved pathway connecting G Street between 9th and 10th Avenues at Delaney Park as the Allan E. Tesche Pathway; provided, any plaque, sign, or other commemorative marker shall be approved by Parks and Recreation Department staff consistent with the Delaney Park Master Plan and applicable standards.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 9th day of March, 2017.

Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

John Rodda, Director
Parks & Recreation Department

PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska



H Street

G Street

F Street

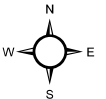
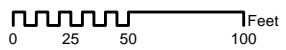
West 9th Avenue

West 10th Avenue

H Street

G Street

Delaney Park -- G Street Area



March 2nd, 2017

The Honorable Mayor Ethan Berkowitz
Municipality of Anchorage
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The Honorable Assembly Chair Elvi Gray-Jackson
Municipality of Anchorage
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Mayor Berkowitz and Assembly Chair Gray-Jackson:

The Assembly passed AR 2015-238, “a resolution of the Anchorage Assembly appointing a citizen naming panel for the purpose of naming a public place or facility in honor of Allan E. Tesche” on August 15, 2015. Following an extensive public process, including holding a public hearing at City Hall on March 1, 2017, the panel recommends that the Assembly name the paved pathway connecting G Street between 9th and 10th Avenue on the Delaney Park Strip the Allan E. Tesche Pathway, in memory of Mr. Tesche.

Per the criteria outlined in 3.97.025 (A) and (B), the panel has considered the following:

A. *Honorary naming.* Naming of a public place will:

1. Demonstrate that the policy objectives under Section 3.97.020 have been considered and will specify findings for an exception;

The section of the Code specified above states that “when considering the naming or renaming of municipal buildings, other fixed facilities, and public places, the preferred practice shall be to give public property historical, cultural or geographical significance considering location, function and natural features”.

The proposed location is currently unnamed and within Assembly District 1, which Mr. Tesche represented from 1999 to 2008. Mr. Tesche was an advocate for parks and believed in the potential of the Park Strip as a unifying space for the residents of Anchorage. The panel believes that because of Mr. Tesche’s service to District 1 and his passion for preserving the Delaney Park Strip, the recommendation is consistent with this policy.

2. Identify the individual's connection to the municipality if considering an outstanding local, state, national or international civic leader;

Mr. Tesche devoted his entire adult life to public service, most notably in Anchorage. He interned with the Greater Anchorage Area Borough’s Law Office, and subsequently worked as a Borough staff attorney on Borough-City unification in 1975-76. After unification, Mr. Tesche served as Deputy Municipal Attorney. In 1982 Mr. Tesche was appointed Director of the Municipality of Anchorage’s Department of Property &

Facilities Management, a position he held until 1988. After several years in private law practice Mr. Tesche, answering the call of public service, was elected to the Anchorage Assembly in 1999, representing District 1 (South Additions, Downtown, Fairview, Mountain View, and Government Hill). Mr. Tesche was re-elected in 2002 and 2005. As a member of the Anchorage Assembly, representing some of the most diverse neighborhoods in the United States, Mr. Tesche worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for Anchorage's residents, while zestfully engaging in public debate and civic engagement. The panel believes that Mr. Tesche's proud legacy of public service and civic engagement is worthy of recognition.

3. Consider the historical significance of the person and the duration of residence in the municipality, or connection with the municipality if a nonresident;

Mr. Tesche was a local attorney and lived in Anchorage for 42 years. He and his wife Pamela raised their two children and owned a small business in South Addition. Mr. Tesche was a member of several local community organizations, president of his church council, and an active force in local and state politics.

4. Consider the history of the location in relation to the history of the present name, when proposing to rename an existing public place;

The panel is not recommending renaming an existing public place.

5. Not change the name of a public place bearing an historic Anchorage family name;

The proposed location does not change the name of a public place bearing an historic Anchorage family name.

6. Not change historic names of designated landmarks listed on a state or National Register of Historic Places;

The proposed location does not change the name of a designated landmark listed on a state or National Register of Historic Places.

7. Limit honorary naming to a one time present use of an individual's name;

The pathway is an element within the Delaney Park Strip and is currently unnamed. The Allan E. Tesche Pathway would be a one-time present use of Mr. Tesche's name on a public place or facility.

8. Support the preferred practice of honoring individual citizens through naming of internal areas, fixtures, and features integral to public spaces. Naming a public building, facility, or park for a living person is not favored.

The proposed location is an existing internal feature of the Delaney Park Strip, a municipal public space. Mr. Tesche passed away in 2009. The panel's recommendation is consistent with this policy.

9. Renaming of a public place, road or street should not be considered within 20 years of the previous naming.

The panel's recommendation does not rename a public space.

B. Public places under the jurisdiction of a parks and recreation board or commission. In naming a public place, including a trail, within the control and supervision of the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors, or the Chugiak-Eagle River Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors, these additional factors shall be considered:

- 1. Names of persons who, through exemplary and substantial effort, have made a significant contribution to the community or the parks and recreation department or who have made a substantial donation to acquisition or development of the property.**

The proposed name of the Allan E. Tesche Pathway honors a public servant who dedicated himself to preserving, improving, and activating public parks in Anchorage. Mr. Tesche believed in the value of parks as a place to bring people together through shared values and experiences. The panel believes the Allan E. Tesche Pathway is consistent with this policy.

- 2. Organizations that have made a substantial donation to the acquisition or development of the property;**

The Tesche family has committed to a minimum donation of \$5,000 to be used for signage, landscaping, and general upkeep of the pathway. Additional donations will be solicited as needed.

- 3. Incorporating the geographic, natural or geological feature as part of the name to assist the public in recognizing the location.**

The proposed naming of the Allan E. Tesche Pathway will provide an "identity" for this widely-used geographic feature within the Delaney Park Strip, which connects South Addition and Downtown Anchorage. The panel has committed to working with the Municipality and the South Addition Community Council for the design and installation of any signage or identifying features.

The Allan E. Tesche Naming Panel unanimously recommends that the Assembly name the paved pathway connecting G Street between 9th and 10th Avenue on the Delaney Park Strip the *Allan E. Tesche Pathway*, in memory of Mr. Tesche.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Tesche', with a stylized, flowing script.

Mary E. Tesche
Naming Panel Chair

Alan Tesche Naming Panel Public Hearing
City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room
March 1, 2017, 5:30 pm

5: 35 pm-Call to Order

Naming Panel Roll Call: Mary Tesche (Chair), Ivan Moore *, and Susan Lutz

Others Present: Pam Tesche, Mark Butler, Darrel Hess, Christopher Constant, Charles Wohlforth, and Caroline Tesche*

*Called in via the conference line

5:37 pm

Mary Tesche called the public hearing to order, and reviewed the history of the naming panel. The panel was appointed in 2015, and has considered several options to recognize and commemorate Mr. Tesche. The first was by naming Fire Station 1, and the second was to name the Downtown Transit Center. Both were later discarded, due to a lack of a substantive connections to Mr. Tesche.

Susan Lutz noted that Johnny Ellis was at one point apart of the naming panel, but later resigned. She stated that he was a key driver for naming the Downtown Transit Center for Mr. Tesche. Mr. Ellis later decided that he could not make the time commitment necessary to continue his service on the panel. Susan recognized that Allan Tesche walked between City Hall and his home via G Street literally hundreds of times. It was also noted that Mr. Tesche was instrumental in having the G Street right of way vacated between 9th and 10th Avenues, allowing for creation of the current pathway. This helped guide the panel's decision to consider naming the pathway for Mr. Tesche.

5:41 pm

Mark Butler likes the idea of naming the pathway for Mr. Tesche, but noted that Mr. Tesche was a debater, not a walker. He believes the Assembly conference room should be named after Tesche as he loved debating.

Ivan Moore- That was discussed, but the panel moved away from anything connected to the Assembly chambers, as it might be controversial or political.

Pam Tesche – Allan always took his concerns to the people and making it an external naming, not in a public building, would better represent him.

5:44 pm

Mary Tesche – The panel is leaning towards recommending naming the paved pathway on Delaney Park Strip, connecting 9th and 10th on G Street, for Mr. Tesche

- Public Comments-

Mary Tesche- The reasoning is that it recognizes the family's contribution to the neighborhood, and it can be done in a way that promotes beautiful public places. The Tesche family has lived on G Street for decades, and operates the G Street Bed & Breakfast just two block from the pathway.

Caroline Tesche – Her brother was a man of place and the Downtown park area was of high value for him. She is supportive of what the team is doing and she believes it reaches to the heart of who he was – thank you for your efforts.

Ivan Moore – Ivan was friends with Allan, and with all due respect to the transit center idea, he thinks that Allan would have gotten more of a kick out of the idea that has been proposed to name the pathway, rather than a name on some building

Darrel Hess – Has lived in Anchorage for 52 years, and was represented on the Assembly by Alan for 9 years. He was President of the Fairview Community Council the last 5 years that Allan served on the Assembly Naming of the pathway was not his first choice, as he would like to name the heated plaza in Town Square Park, adjacent to E Street, the Allan Tesche Public Bloviation Plaza. He recognizes that the proposal may be too controversial. He believes that naming the G Street pathway for Allan is a good second choice. He supports naming the pathway for Allan. Alan lived on G Street for most of his adult life, and the pathway connected him to Downtown Anchorage, and City Hall. Delaney Park Strip also connects three of the neighborhoods he represented on the Assembly, South Addition, Downtown, and Fairview. The most recent upgrades to Delaney Park Strip and 9th Avenue were moved forward by Allan and the Fairview Community Council.

5:49

Mark Butler-Restated his preference for naming the Allan conference room for Allan, because Alan loved to orate, but that he supports naming the pathway for Allan. Expounding on that idea, Mark thinks a soap box where people could stand up and say what they want to say – a public bloviation station- would represent Allan more fully.

Mary Tesche– Speaking to that idea, a monument of some sort has been proposed (possibly a rock) as it would give the location a greater sense of place. The location of the rock that had been discussed in previous meetings was seen as problematic to some, for reasons of safety, historic preservation, and general ascetic reasons.

Ivan Moore – He envisioned a small street sign that marks “Tesche Way”. This would be very discreet with no other naming on the pathway. The issue with this concept may be that there is no elaboration on why it was named. It could be added, but it is not crucial to the overall vision.

Charles Wohlforth. – Responding to the idea of a boulder-he likes the idea because Allan never backed down from a fight, and it represents his attitude. We can meet the preservationists halfway in reducing impact, but we need information provided on why we named the pathway for Mr. Teshe.

Mary Tesche- The preservationists would probably like a street sign, but not the boulder. Also Muni code states that for a memorial there is must be a 10 year period needed after the person's death, before it is considered. The South Addition group didn't want extra information at the site, as it would make it a memorial and might bar the availability of placement.

Darrel Hess - The pathway on the park strip is one of the few places a memorial might be permitted, because the section where there are currently memorials, is the part of the park where new memorials are specifically prohibited.

Susan Lutz-We have a plaque to Allan already at our historic home, and many people read it and ask about him. We need something for him to explain who he was and how he impacted our community.

Darrel Hess– If we are going to name something for someone, we need to make sure people understand ten years from now why it was named for that person. The first order of business is to get the pathway named, then we have to work with the neighborhood, Parks and Recreation, and others regarding the type of signage or plaque to be installed.

Christopher Constant– I am in support of naming the pathway, and the soap box idea that communicates personality would be a great representation. It could become a gathering place for people in the future. The first battle is the naming, but the second is to create something that represents the character of Allan.

Ivan Moore – We need a something that is more informational than memorialist.

Susan Lutz – We could have a square rock as the soap box

Caroline Tesche- Allan loved the United Kingdom, and the idea of a people's corner reflects who he was. She is in support of an element that encourages the exchange of ideas and speaks to the principles of representing the people. It would truly honor him

6:05

Mary Tesche– Is there any objection to the naming the Delaney Park Strip pathway that connects G Street, between from 9th and 10th Avenues for Allan E. Tesche?

- There were no objections. The naming panel unanimously supported the proposal.

6:10pm

Susan Lutz – Noted that it is a pedestrian pathway, and that should be recognized to reduce confusion. Others noted that it is a multi-use pathway. Susan proposed naming the pathway the “Alan E Tesche Pathway”.

Mary Tesche– All in Favor of designating the path as the Alan E Tesche Pathway say “Aye”.

- All panel members in agreement

Susan Lutz– Now that that decision is made, how will this project be funded?

Christopher Constant– The Anchorage Parks Foundation should be engaged in the effort, and we could fundraise in the community. Fundraising should not be a problem, and currently there are parks grants available.

Mary Tesche- Our family will also help with money, and we have been in conversation with the Muni on how the labor portion would be covered.

6:14

Darrel Hess- If the Parks and Recreation Commission supports the recommendation, then this will go to the Assembly for final action. After final Assembly action, we can work on fundraising. It is not the priority issue at this time.

Susan Lutz– Will we need more specifics on signage before we submit so that we are not pigeon holed into a decision that does not represent Allan well?

Mary Tesche– That is not the issue now. We need to get it named first; we will work on the signage later.

Christopher Constand- Mention a suitable maker in the resolution, so that it can ensure it will happen long term.

Pam Tesche- We can add a narrative to the resolution, if needed.

6:20

Darrel Hess- Parks and Recreation will draft a resolution for the Commission, but final Assembly action will be by ordinance. Reference to signage can be part of the Assembly packet, but will not be included in the ordinance. The ordinance will address only the naming.

Mary Tesche- The Parks and Recreation Commission will meet on the 9th of March. They will focus on approval of the naming. Thank you Darrel for helping to get this moving

Closing and invitation to attend the March 9th Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

6:22 pm-Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Jared James, Municipal Staff

SACC *South Addition Community Council*

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH ADDITION COMMUNITY COUNCIL RECOMMENDING THAT THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY NAME THE PAVED PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATH LOCATED ON THE DELANEY PARK STRIP AT "G" AND 9TH AND 10TH AVENUES

WHEREAS, the South Addition Community Council ("SACC") is within the bounds of Assembly District 1 which Allan E. Tesche represented on the Anchorage Assembly from 1999 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, SACC has a vested interest in ensuring public spaces represent the character of its neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with AMC Chapter 3.97, the Anchorage Assembly approved Resolution No. 2015-238 requesting a naming panel in honor of Mr. Tesche; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tesche championed many important community issues, including property tax relief, liquor and tobacco control measures, and urban beautification initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tesche raised his family and owned a business on G Street in South addition and was an advocate for growth and development of the Delaney Park Strip; and

WHEREAS, SACC supports a motion to name the paved pedestrian footpath, located on the Delaney Park Strip and connecting G Street between 9th and 10th Avenues after Mr. Tesche; and

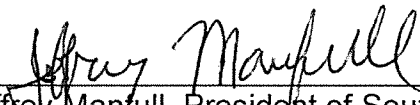
WHEREAS, SACC concurs that the proposed naming meets the criteria of AMC 3.97;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. SACC hereby supports naming the footpath, located on the Delaney Park Strip and connecting G Street between 9th and 10th Avenues, the Allan E. Tesche Pedestrian Footpath.

2. SACC recommends adoption of the name by the Anchorage Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the South Addition Community Council this 19th day of May, 2016 by a vote of 7 in favor; 5 opposed; and 0 abstentions.



Jeffrey Manfull, President of South Addition Community Council

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SACC APPROVED MINUTES *South Addition Community Council*
Minutes, for May 19, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm by Jeff Manfull, SACC President. The agenda was approved and the minutes for the April 21, 2016 meeting were approved.

President's Report: President Jeff Manfull announced that the Anchorage Police Department has requested calls if residents discover homeless camps. Illegal camps on public lands will be posted and then, 15 days after posting, tents and debris will be removed. The Administration is actively working on homeless issues. Since Mayor Berkowitz took office, 85 homeless have found homes. More detailed info is on the Mayor's homepage. John Rodda of Parks & Rec will also be posting "No Camping" signs in park areas and greenbelts; once such warning signage is placed, illegal camps can be removed upon discovery with no 15-day abatement notice required. Some local stores are still giving away tents to the homeless but the shelters have stopped giving out tents.

There are pending ordinances to approve the Mountain View Neighborhood Plan (#2016-0059) and to Regulate Marijuana Establishments (#2106-0275).

Treasurer's Report: Cathleen Hahn reported the balance in the SACC account is \$3,436.25.

Senator Ellis' Report: SB 23 passed which will allow Norcon to be dispersed without a prescription to neutralize a drug overdose. He also worked on a bill which has not passed which would authorize industrial hemp production.

Mayor's Office: The Fish Creek Bridge replacement went to bid in April and two more bridges will be rebuilt by October of 2016.

Police Report/Fire Report: None.

FCC Report by Bonnie Harris: Bonnie Harris is the current chair of FCC. On July 27 FCC will hold a potluck picnic at Valley of the Moon Park. FCC can offer help to groups making grant applications. Police Chief Tolley spoke on "Community Action Policing" (CAP) at the FCC meeting. This has been in place for about 10 years but police have been too understaffed to find hours for community outreach. New recruits may make CAP more workable. A cell tower ordinance will begin the public hearing process at the May 24 Assembly meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. SACC Neighborhood Plan and the Municipal Land Use Plan Map
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Committee Chair and SACC V-Pres. Anna Bryant reported that the SACC Land Use Plan and Neighborhood Plan Committee continues to meet at 5pm every

Thursday in the Pioneer Home on the 5th Floor. All are welcome. She explained the process for the adoption of a Neighborhood Plan and asked that President Manfull approve a Co-Chair structure because the workload needs to be distributed among three Co-Chairs in order to keep the Plan on schedule. President Manfull authorized Chair Bryant to appoint two additional Co-Chairs. Committee Member Bonnie Harris then presented a Motion to present to Assemblyman Patrick Flynn to request an Assembly Resolution authorizing SACC to proceed with the public process to develop a Neighborhood Plan.

A MOTION was made by Harris and seconded by Cathleen Hahn to request an Assembly Resolution authorizing SACC to develop a Neighborhood Plan for our community council area. The Motion passed: 18 in favor; -0- opposed; -0- abstained. A copy of the Resolution is attached and also posted on the SACC webpages.

B. SACC Elections on June 16, 2016:

The next SACC General Meeting is our election for new Officers and Members at Large. The June 16, 2016 meeting will be held at ANCHORAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH at 15th and N Sts. The meeting begins at 7PM. The ballot will be finalized at that meeting. We have some volunteers but we are looking for a VP candidate and a secretary candidate. Usually the VP serves for a year or two and those are “years-in-training” because the VP then usually volunteers to serve as president after learning the issues and procedures as a VP.

C. Capital Improvement Projects: Prioritize SACC CIP List:

Members were encouraged to look at the website and vote for the priorities of their own. Members commented on the choices made in prior years. Discussion followed. Kathy Weeks made a motion prioritizing the six most demanded projects from all of SACC’s past and current discussions. Bonnie Harris seconded the motion. The Motion passed: 18 in favor; -0- opposed; -0- abstained. The detailed Resolution is attached hereto and posted on the SACC webpages.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Jill Johnson/ Westchester Lagoon Snack Shop Reopens for the season:

Westchester Café partners with Covenant House in running the snack shop at the Lagoon. In prior years there was some funding to train Covenant House kids to be baristas and pay wages. Those grants are not available this year. Jill Johnson sells coffee and snacks and also organizes some activities like “Books and Bikes” with the Library or a book club or activities like face painting or magicians for the children in the Park. Please contact her if you have ideas or complaints.

B. Allan E. Tesche Naming Panel:

A resolution was presented to name a foot trail on Delaney Park Strip between 9th and 10th Avenues at “G” after deceased Assembly member Allan E. Tesche.

The Motion passed: 7 in favor; -5- opposed; -0- abstained. The detailed Resolution is attached hereto and posted on the SACC webpages.

Community Comments: Albert Whitehead moved to present a resolution to the Parks and Rec department and the MOA Administration asking that whenever an illegal camp is discovered in a park or greenbelt in the SACC area that a “No Camping” sign be posted to prevent delays in future abatements. The **Motion** passed: 11 in favor; -3- opposed; -1- abstained. The detailed Resolution is attached hereto and will be posted on the SACC webpages if the Motion is not reconsidered¹ at the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. Next Executive Meeting: 7:00 pm Thursday July 7, 2016 on the 5th Floor Anchorage Pioneer Home. Executive Meeting will be held on August 4 and September 1 to address any zoning cases or marijuana permits which require comment during the summer.

The SACC Neighborhood Plan Working group continues to meet on Thursdays at 5PM weekly on the 5th Floor of the Pioneer Home.

Next General Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2016, 7:00 pm, **Inlet View School Library.**

¹ Any Motion or Resolution which is presented at a general meeting but was not on the Agenda for that meeting is open for reconsideration at the next general meeting. Any member may request reconsideration. We do this because the public should have advance notice that a motion/resolution on a specific topic will be introduced at the meeting. If an unexpected motion is passed SACC will then add that topic to the next month’s Agenda and ask if anyone wants to add to the discussion or reconsider the motion.

Submitted by: Chair Traini and
Vice-Chair Gray-Jackson
Prepared by: Ombudsman's Office
For reading: August 11, 2015

CLERK'S OFFICE
AMENDED AND APPROVED ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
Date: 8-11-15 AR No. 2015-238

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY APPOINTING A
CITIZEN NAMING PANEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF NAMING A PUBLIC PLACE
OR FACILITY IN HONOR OF ALLAN E. TESCHE.**

WHEREAS, Allan E. Tesche was born in Los Alamos, New Mexico on August 3 1948, graduated from the University of California at Davis with honors in 1970, spent two years in the Peace Corps in El Salvador, and graduated from the University of California at Davis Law School in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Allan interned with the Greater Anchorage Area Borough's Law Office, subsequently worked as a Borough staff attorney on Borough-City unification in 1975-76, was appointed Anchorage Deputy Municipal Attorney and, in 1980, the Mat-Su Borough's Attorney; and

WHEREAS, in 1982 Allan was appointed Director of the Anchorage Municipal Department of Property & Facilities Management leaving Municipal employment in 1988 to join the law firm of Russell & Tesche where he practiced until retiring in 2006; and

WHEREAS, answering the call of public service Allan was elected to the Anchorage Assembly in 1999 where he championed many important community issues, including property tax relief, liquor and tobacco control measures, and urban beautification initiatives and won [one] re-election in both 2002 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, Allan married Pamela Dunham in 1978 and together they raised two children - Frederick and Mary, operated G Street Bed & Breakfast, and enjoyed many family adventures while volunteering as members of Central Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, throughout his adult life Allan E. Tesche worked tirelessly to improve the quality of life for Anchorage's residents while zestfully engaging in public debate and conversation, bloviating with the best of them, and leaving a proud legacy of public service and engagement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves that: A citizen naming panel be convened as set out in AMC 3.97 to assist the Assembly and the community in naming a public place or facility to honor Allan E. Tesche as follows:

1. Ivan Moore and Mary Tesche are selected by the Assembly to serve on this Naming Panel.
2. The Mayor's Office designees to this Naming Panel are Jane Angvik, Joelle Hall and Susan Lutz.

3. If the naming action involves a park, or other asset of the Parks and Recreation Department (park building, trail, etc.), the issue shall be referred to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an advisory opinion. The naming panel shall conduct its efforts in accordance with AMC Chapter 3.97.
4. Felix Rivera is the Mayor's Office designee to assist in coordinating the work of this citizen naming panel, assisting the panel in holding a public meeting, facilitating deliberation, and presenting any park asset to the appropriate authority for an advisory opinion, and preparing the panel's recommendation for Assembly action.
5. The naming panel's recommendation will come back to the Assembly for public hearing and final action in accordance with AMC Chapter 3.97.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 11th day of August, 2015.


Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

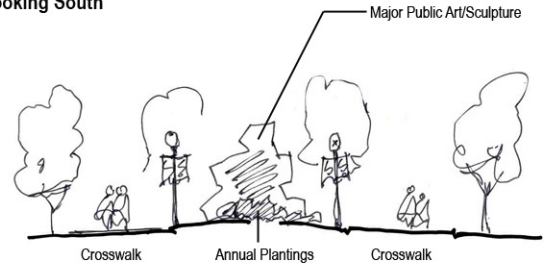

Municipal Clerk

G Street Connection

G Street is the symbolic center of Delaney Park Strip (when including Denali Elementary School) and as such is the gateway to Downtown including G Street District, the PAC, Convention Center and Town Square Park from South Addition. This street R.O.W. is 60 feet wide and has had pavement and access closed for a number of years. Presently there is remnant street lighting on wooden poles with overhead wire and an asphalt paved walkway. G Street at 9th Avenue has two pedestrian crosswalks and signalization. Design elements should include the following:

- The 60 foot G Street right of way should be vacated.
- Whether or not the G Street right of way is vacated, appropriate efforts should be undertaken to protect the G Street Connection from its former use as an urban street and to ensure that this section of Delaney Park remains permanently closed to vehicular traffic.
- All utilities shall be placed underground
- A decorative walkway between 9th and 10th Avenues paved with textured concrete, brick or other non-asphalt materials, measuring a maximum of 12 feet in width for 80% of its length and a maximum of 24 feet in width for 20% of its length.
- Seating areas with benches and trash containers grouped to encourage socialization at the north and south ends of the walkway, in the sections of the walkway (comprising 20% of its length) that can measure up to 24 feet in width.
- Flower planting beds and perennial shrubs that complement surrounding activities, provide focal points to the mountain vistas, and are limited to the north and south entry points of the walkway adjoining 9th and 10th Avenues.

Gateway Treatment for G Street and 9th Ave. Intersection
Looking South



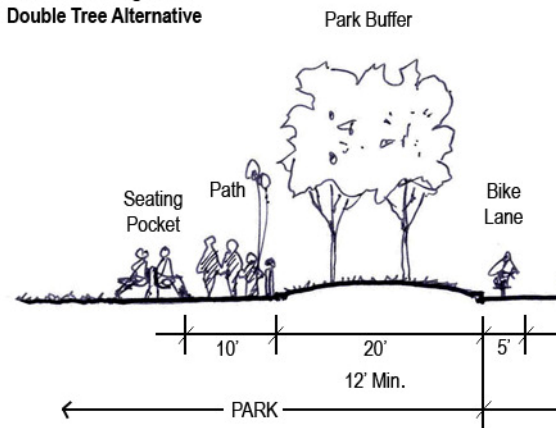
- Ornamental trees shall be low-level and limited to the north and south entry points of the walkway adjoining 9th and 10th Avenues.
- Pedestrian scale lighting at appropriate spacing.
- Interactive public art, sculpture piece, or gateway feature at the 9th Avenue entry point that complements surrounding activities.
- Way-finding kiosks and interpretive signage at the north or south entry points of the walkway adjoining 9th and 10th Avenues.
- Incorporate Alaska Victim's Tree into the G St. Corridor Design

Road Improvements - 9th Avenue E Street to L Street for Zones 3 and 4

This section of 9th Avenue has a lower volume of traffic than the eastern sections with no parking allowed and four lanes of traffic. West bound traffic requires only a left turn lane at L Street while east bound traffic requires a left turn lane at K, I, H, F and E Street. The north side has a mix of historic single story homes serving as offices, two to four story office buildings and churches. The sidewalk along the park edge is 5 feet in width. The existing park use has four softball fields with backstops or hedges adjacent to the walk on the park side and memorials from I to L Street. This section of the park will have the highest degree of connection to Downtown Anchorage, especially along E Street and F/G Street to the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center and experience a corresponding higher public use for special events and activities related to Downtown. This section should have the following facilities:

- Parking should be considered along one side of the street with a three lane cross-section or,
- A two lane cross section should be considered with a raised median 12 to 20 feet wide with turning pockets for required left turns. The planting median should have

9th Ave Looking West
Double Tree Alternative



9th Ave Looking West
Single Tree Alternative

