

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at
the Request of the Mayor
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CLERK'S OFFICE

APPROVED

Date:.....2-26-08..... ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR 2008-36

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AND MAYOR MARK BEGICH
SUPPORTING THE KINCAID PROJECT GROUP'S IMPROVEMENTS TO KINCAID PARK.**

WHEREAS, Kincaid Park is one of Anchorage's major outdoor recreation centers with over 1,000 acres of forest and over 100 miles of trails; and

WHEREAS, the park is best known for the world class Nordic Skiing and Biathlon facilities that have hosted numerous national and international competitions; and

WHEREAS, the Kincaid Project Group plans to expand use of the existing infrastructure during the summer recreation season and make additions to the winter recreation infrastructure in addition; and

WHEREAS, the project includes relocation and construction of a new biathlon stadium, construction of 3.75 km of lighted and paved ski loop complete with snowmaking capacity, creation of 7 irrigated, competition-level, grass soccer fields and a two thousand seat soccer stadium with artificial turf, construction of a new 18 hole disk golf course and a \$1 million maintenance fund endowment; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage, the Kincaid Project Group, Anchorage District Soccer Federation, and the Rasmuson Foundation are working cooperatively to address Anchorage's needs for both competitive soccer and neighborhood multi-use sports fields; and

WHEREAS, the improvements are consistent with the 1983 Kincaid Park Master Plan and received the approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission at its September 7, 2006 meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality has invested over \$5 million in a new multi-use access trail and road into the park in the past two years; and

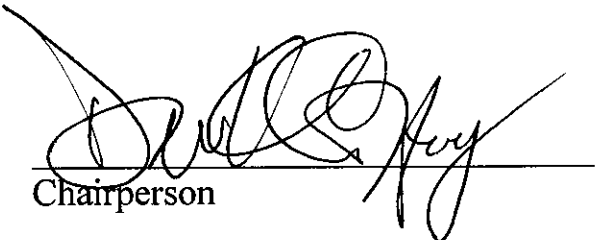
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2 WHEREAS, the Kincaid Project Group has raised \$4 million in private and public
3 funds to date and is on schedule to reach it's fundraising goal of \$10 million; and
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5 WHEREAS, these improvements were included in the Municipality's 2007 State
6 Legislative Program.
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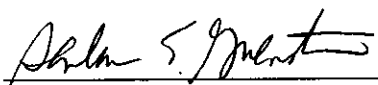
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9 NOW, THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:
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12 **to support the Kincaid Project Group's proposed improvements at Kincaid Park**
13 **and amend AR 2007-296 to incorporate this project as part of the Municipality of**
14 **Anchorage's 2008 Legislative Program.**
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17 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Municipal Assembly this
18 26th day of February, 2008.
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26 Chairperson

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**2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES**

***Capital Budget*
Parks & Recreation**

PROJECT NAME: Kincaid Athletic Fields

PROJECT TYPE: Community Enhancement

GRANT REQUEST: \$2,000,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project will complete the Kincaid Park Master Plan by adding seven irrigated and competition level natural turf soccer fields; a 2,000 seat stadium with an artificial turf field; 3.75 kilometer paved Nordic trail with snow-making system; a new biathlon stadium; and an 18 hole disc golf course. Kincaid Project Group (KPG), a private non-profit, has raised nearly \$4 million to date towards their goal of \$10 million total. This total includes a \$1 million maintenance and operation endowment.

COMMENTS:

Kincaid Park is one of Anchorage's major outdoor recreation centers with over 1,000 acres of forest and over 100 miles of trails. The park is best known for the world class Nordic Skiing and Biathlon facilities that have hosted national and international events. The vision for Kincaid Park is to transform it into a world-class cross country skiing facility in the winter, while also serving bicyclists, hikers, disc golfers, and soccer players, and other recreational users during the rest of the year. Paved trails are needed for spring/summer/fall ski training when there is no snow.

JUSTIFICATION:

The MOA Parks and Recreation Commission endorsed the KPG improvements at its September 7, 2006 meeting. The Nordic Ski Association of Anchorage and Anchorage District Soccer Federation are strong supporters of the planned improvements. The park has over 1 million visitors each year and hosts a number of statewide, national, and international Nordic and Cross Country running events which provides economic development to the region through hotel and visitor expenditures. Adding 8 competition soccer fields in one location will enable Anchorage to compete for regional and national soccer tournaments, adding millions to the Anchorage economy.

To date this project has received \$2.7 million in state and federal funding; \$970,000 in private and corporate donations; and \$370,000 in in-kind contributions. The Rasmuson Foundation has awarded KPG a \$2 million challenge grant that requires a 1 to 3 match.

Legislative District(s)

House: District 27N-Anchorage Areawide

Community Council(s): Anchorage Areawide.

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