

# Planning and Zoning Commission

January 3, 2022

Case #: **2022-0002**

Case Title: Request for Rezone on two (2) parcels of land from R-1A Single-Family Residential (larger lot) District to PLI (Public Lands and Institutions) District.

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**Cook Inlet Soccer Club**

Dear Francis McLaughlin & Corliss Kimmel,

My name is Adam Hensel, I am the president of the Board of Directors for Cook Inlet Soccer Club here in Anchorage Alaska. I've had the pleasure of speaking with the team at AS&G regarding the Sand Lake development site. The team reached out and inquired about the need for additional soccer fields in the south Anchorage area. In my opinion, this could be an incredible opportunity for both Cook Inlet Soccer Club and the local community.

The first opportunity this would provide is a place for us to call our home for both our recreational and competitive programs. In the upcoming year, we will be operating at two different locations. The Sand Lake development site could help us have one quality location to operate in. We are currently the largest club in the state, and we are hoping to continue to grow and provide anchorage's youth with opportunities to learn and play the game. Some of the renderings we have discussed involved walking/biking trails woven in and out of the soccer fields. This could also provide parents, and community members, a comfortable place to increase their activity while the youth learn and plays the game of soccer.

The second opportunity this would provide is a place to host an annual competitive, and an annual recreational soccer tournament for our club. Given a quality location like this, we could have both on different weekends during the summer and help the local community by bringing in visitors from all over the greater Anchorage and Matanuska Valley areas. This could also open the door for sponsorships and partnerships that could help bring the local south Anchorage community together.

The third (and in my eyes the biggest) opportunity this would provide is a place to host the annual Alaska State Soccer tournament. Currently, this tournament is held in Fairbanks

Alaska because they have a location that can support the whole tournament. The biggest barrier to getting the tournament moved back to Anchorage is that there isn't a location where the entirety of the tournament could be held. Having the entirety of the tournament in one location is very important to the state because they want to build the soccer community by keeping everyone close and interacting with each other. If we develop this area with that in mind, we could bring that tournament back to south Anchorage and provide an even bigger opportunity for sponsorship and partnerships that would benefit the local south Anchorage community.

These are just some of the opportunities that come to mind when thinking about this development. I think there is a real economic benefit for our club, and the local community, to develop this area as a soccer and recreation complex. I look forward to speaking more about this with you soon.

Sincerely,

Adam Hensel

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