

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 2015-022

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MASTER PLAN FOR THE VALLEY OF THE MOON PARK, GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF WEST 17TH AVENUE, WEST OF C STREET, NORTH OF WEST 19TH AVENUE, AND EAST OF ARCTIC BOULEVARD, IN ANCHORAGE.

(Case 2015-0004; Parcel ID Nos. 002-182-14;002-182-17,18,19 & 20)

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Municipality of Anchorage, Department of Parks and Recreation, for approval of a master plan for the Valley of the Moon Park, located south of West 17th Avenue, west of C Street, north of West 19th Avenue, and east of Arctic Boulevard, in Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, public hearing notices were published, posted, and mailed, and a public hearing was held on May 11, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission that:

A. The Commission makes the following findings of fact:

1. The master plan for the Valley of the Moon Park conforms to the requirements of Title 21 ("new" code). The Community Development Department provided a positive recommendation for the VOM Master Plan.
2. The public outreach in development of the Valley of the Moon Park Master Plan included all the affected community councils and the stakeholders in the park. The result of the public outreach achieved consensus for the proposed development by stakeholders in the park. It is in the public interest to approve the plan.
3. The drainage issues associated with Chester Creek through the park should be addressed by the various local and state agencies that have future projects related to the creek.
4. The plan identifies community needs, addresses issues, public expectations, and establishes a framework for future development of the park for the next five to ten years.
5. The Parks and Recreation Department worked closely and in good effort with the Valley of the Moon advisory group to comply with all the stakeholders in the plan process.

B. The Commission approves the Valley of the Moon Park Master Plan subject to the following conditions:

1. Include specific language to ensure that accommodations for disabled persons are made for parking, restrooms, and trail use. Consider Recreational Facilities and Outdoor Developed Areas (ATBCB 2002) policies for final proposed design.
2. Verify with the Traffic Engineer that the required parking spaces are provided on site.
3. Include language in the plan that addresses safety issues for park users related to activities that are creating public health and safety concerns.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission on the 11th day of May, 2015.

ADOPTED by the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission this 1st day of June, 2015. This written decision/resolution of the Planning and Zoning Commission is final and any party may appeal it within twenty (20) days to the Board of Adjustment pursuant to Anchorage Municipal Code section 21.03.050A.



Jerry T. Weaver, Jr.
Secretary



J.A. Fergusson
Chair

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