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Date: 1-14-03

Submitted by: Assemblymembers Traini and
Tesche

Prepared by: Department of Assembly

For reading: January 14, 2003

ANCHORAGE ALASKA

AR NO. 2003-26

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY DETERMINING A SUITABLE SITE**
2 **FOR LITTLE LEAGUE BALL FIELDS IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF**
3 **BICENTENNIAL PARK AND THE SIZE, NUMBER, AND CONFIGURATION OF THE**
4 **FIELDS, INCLUDING ATTENDANT AND RELATED FACILITIES.**

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7 WHEREAS, development of Little League ball fields and a Community Park in the
8 southwest corner of Bicentennial Park is governed by the Updated Far North Bicentennial Park
9 Master Plan as amended on December 12, 2002, AO 2002-165 and AR 2002-408; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Assembly finds the topography, terrain, surrounding features, including
12 proximity to neighborhoods and suitable access, make that area within the southwest corner of
13 Bicentennial Park, as described on Exhibit A, suitable for use as Little League ball fields; and

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15 WHEREAS, it is the Assembly's intent to proceed expeditiously with development of the said
16 area for Little League ball fields and a Community Park under the Updated Far North Bicentennial
17 Park Master Plan, AO 2002-165 and AR 2002-408;

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19 NOW THEREFORE, THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY RESOLVES

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21 **Section 1.** Pursuant to AMC 25.65.010, the Anchorage Assembly determines as suitable
22 a site for Little League ball fields in the southwest corner of Bicentennial Park in the area described
23 on Exhibit A. The size, number, and configuration of the ball fields and attendant facilities shall be
24 as set forth on Exhibit A as well. Minor adjustments to the location of ball fields and attendant
25 facilities may be approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission through the Little
26 League ball field development and site plan, if consistent with the Updated Far North Bicentennial
27 Park Master Plan, AO 2002-165 and AR 2002-408.

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29 **Section 2.** The municipal Administration shall proceed immediately with design,
30 clearing, grading, irrigation system installation, and topsoil and seeding of the ball fields.

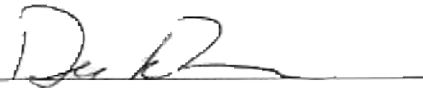
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32 **Section 3.** Pursuant to the Chief Fiscal Officer's certification, funds for the work are
33 available from approved Parks and Recreation general obligation bonds and a State of Alaska grant.

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35 **Section 4.** This resolution takes effect immediately upon passage and approval.

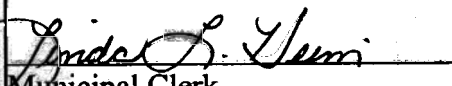
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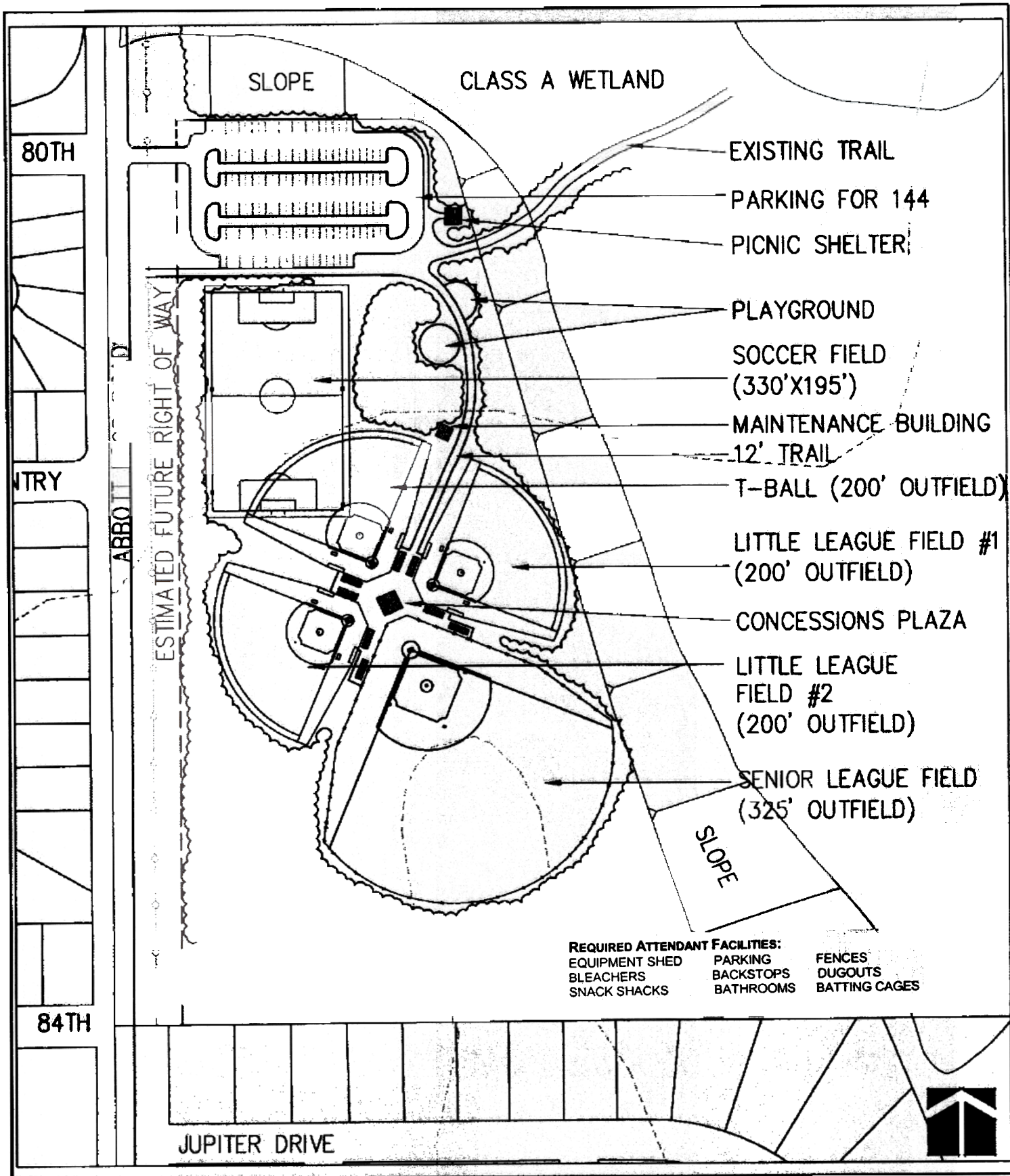
1 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 14th day of January, 2002

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Municipal Clerk



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MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM
NO. AM 52-2003

Meeting Date: January 14, 2003

From: Chairman Traini

Subject: AR 2003-26 – Assembly Approval of Site and Configuration of Little League Ball Fields and Related Facilities in Bicentennial Park

As set forth in a citizens' petition presented to the Municipal Clerk and later enacted on December 10, 2002, AMC 25.65.010 requires the Assembly determine as suitable a site for Little League ball fields in the southwest corner of Bicentennial Park, as well as the size, number, and configuration of the ball fields and attendant facilities. If adopted by the Assembly, AR 2003-000 would accomplish those tasks. An exhibit A incorporated into the resolution describes the site and attendant facilities.

Passage of AR 2003-26 would also enable the municipal administration to proceed expeditiously with development of Little League ball fields and attendant facilities, as well as a Community Park in the southwest corner of Bicentennial Park. Following approval of this resolution, the following steps would be taken:

- The Department of Cultural and Recreational Facilities will complete a Little League ball field development and site plan as required under AMC 25.65.010, the Updated Far North Bicentennial Park Plan, as well as Section 3 (1) - (8) of AO 2002-165.

- After a minimum of two public hearings which can be scheduled and conducted by the Department of Cultural and Recreational Facilities, the Little League ball field development and site plan shall be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Commission for approval.

- Consistent with the Updated Bicentennial Park Plan and AO 2002-165, the development plan will be implemented in two phases:

Phase 1 - Little League Ball Fields and Paved Parking Lot
Phase 2 - Community Park

The Administration recommends passage and approval of AR 2003-26.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Traini

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APPROVED

Date: 12-10-02
IMMEDIATE RECONSIDERATION
FAILED 12-10-02

Submitted by: Assembly members TRAINI
and TESCHE

Prepared by: Department of Assembly
For reading: October 29, 2002

ANCHORAGE ALASKA
AO NO. 2002-165

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING THE UPDATED FAR NORTH BICENTENNIAL PARK MASTER PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR AND DEVELOP LITTLE LEAGUE BALL FIELDS IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARK; ENACTING A NEW SECTION 25.65.010 TO THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRING DEVELOPMENT OF THAT AREA FOR LITTLE LEAGUE BALL FIELDS; ENACTING MEASURES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATES.

THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:

Section 1: The Updated Far North Bicentennial Park Master Plan, page 15, second paragraph is hereby amended to read:

The active recreation area in the southwestern portion of the park is severely limited for development because of preservation wetlands in the vicinity. A branch of Little Campbell Creek runs near the area. The slopes, while not extensive, are more pronounced than within the revetment road system which is better suited to sport field development. It appears that a trail system connecting the southern portion of the BLM area and Hillside Park should be a major focus of development within this unit of the park. There is a substantial need for community park development within the Abbott Loop area (see Anchorage Park, Greenbelt, and Recreation Facility Plan, February 1985.) Consequently, the 30-acre area north of Zodiac Manor and east of Abbott Loop Road should be reserved for community park purposes. [RATHER THAN THE INTENSE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATED WITH SOME COMMUNITY PARKS, SUCH AS EXTENSIVE SPORTS FIELD DEVELOPMENT, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS "ABBOTT LOOP ROAD COMMUNITY PARK" BE CHARACTERIZED BY "LOW-KEY" ACTIVITY AREAS. THESE WOULD INCLUDE A "PLAY MEADOW" FOR LIMITED ACTIVE PASTIMES, PICNIC SITES, AND TRAILHEAD ACCESS. CAMPBELL PARK COULD SERVE AS A PROTOTYPE FOR THE TYPE RECOMMENDED IN THIS INSTANCE.] The site plan for this community park should include the retention of a forested buffer between proposed active recreation areas, such as sports fields, and a residential neighborhood adjoining the park to the south. The site plan should also include improvements to trailhead facilities that serve an existing multi-use unpaved trail system within Far North Bicentennial Park and provide convenient and safe trail connections to neighborhoods located south and west of the park site.

Section 2: Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 25 is amended by enactment of a new section 25.65.010 to read:

25.65.010 Far North Bicentennial Park: Little League Fields.

Ball fields for little league use shall be developed at a site in the southwest corner of Far North Bicentennial Park that the Assembly determines to be suitable for ball fields, in accordance with the Updated Far North Bicentennial Park Master Plan (as amended.) The Assembly shall determine the size, number, and configuration of the ball fields.

All attendant and related facilities that the Assembly determines to be appropriate for the enjoyment and use of the ball fields, such as (but not limited to) dugouts, bathrooms, snack shacks, parking, equipment sheds, bleachers, backstops and fences shall be developed along with the ball fields.

Section 3: Ball field development and site plan.

The Department of Cultural and Recreational Activities is authorized and directed to complete a Little League ball field development and site plan acceptable to the Parks and Recreation Commission for construction of the ball fields under Section 1 and 2 of this ordinance. At a minimum, the plan shall address the appropriate number and configuration of ball fields, related site amenities, parking, traffic flow, buffering, and noise abatement. Consistent with the intent of Section 1 and 2 above and all other provisions of law governing use of municipal facilities and parklands, the plan shall integrate other recreational uses of the property and facility with the ball fields and benefit surrounding neighborhoods. To the maximum extent possible, the site plan shall also adhere to relevant development guidelines set forth in the Updated Far North Bicentennial Park Master Plan including, but not limited to the following:

- 1 The siting and design of facilities should take maximum advantage of the characteristics of the natural environment;
2. Perpetuation of existing vegetation, particularly upland vegetation, should be sought in site planning.
3. Location of facilities should be made to promote functional relationships between other park uses.
4. Off-street parking should include landscaping around and within parking areas.;
5. The provision of safe, convenient access for non-motorized modes of transportation shall be assured;

6. Recreational access through the developed area to other areas of the park shall be made by reservation of trail corridors, trailheads and grade-separated trail crossings;
7. Architectural design: the exterior fabric, color, shape and other details of buildings shall complement the natural setting; and
8. Signs: the design and placement of signs should be compatible with the park setting.

After a minimum of two public hearings, the Plan required by this Section shall be completed and presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission within twelve (12) months of enactment of this ordinance.

Section 4: Mitigation measures.

Within ninety days of enactment of this ordinance, the Parks and Recreation Commission shall consider and recommend such measures as it deems appropriate to mitigate the loss of natural open space park land to development of a ball field complex required by this ordinance. It is the intent of the Assembly that mitigation measures recommended by the Commission be capable of implementation within twenty-four months of enactment of this ordinance. In this section, "mitigation" means the transfer of land to park status and exemption of such land from future clearing, filling or development, or other such actions as will accomplish the objectives stated below. Land transferred should be of comparable ecological and natural value, and should be situated to allow inclusion in Far North Bicentennial Park through future revision of the park plan. The objectives of mitigation are to ensure the integrity and continuance of Far North Bicentennial Park as public lands with the principal purpose of preserving those lands in as natural a state as possible and allowing for the public enjoyment of the same.

If recommended, mitigation measures include transfer of PLI land adjacent to Bicentennial Park identified in the Updated Far North Bicentennial Park Plan as "PLI-3." While containing extensive wetlands, this tract also contains limited uplands similar in nature to those to be developed in the southwest corner of the park. Additionally, while not accessible by road this tract contains a significant trail system primarily for dog mushing in winter and multi-use in summer. The natural and ecological value, the natural open space recreation value, and the lack of road access all make this tract not only a strong choice for mitigation, but may also warrant the added protection of inclusion within the park for the benefit of future generations simply on its own merits.

Section 5: Amendment to Far North Bicentennial Park Master Plan

That section entitled "PROHIBITED USES" set forth on page 29 of the Updated Far

1 North Bicentennial Park Master Plan is amended to read:

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3 PROHIBITED USES

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5 In view of potential degradation of the park, [AND] as a measure of public safety, and
6 consistent with the objectives of this Far North Bicentennial Park Master Plan to 1)
7 maintain the lands described in perpetuity as a public park for the benefit of the citizens
8 of Alaska; 2) to preserve the streambeds, watershed areas and wildlife habitat in as
9 pristine a condition as possible allowing for compatible use of the area for nature
10 appreciation by the public; and 3) to provide regulations and controls which will accomplish
11 these objectives and insure the continuous maintenance of these lands in a nearly natural
12 state for the benefit of future generations the following uses are [SHOULD BE] prohibited:

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15 5. Given the extent of development within the park, including significant
16 revision of the plan to allow extensive sports field development within the
17 southwest corner of the park, and given development in adjacent PLI land
18 conveyed to the Municipality of Anchorage with the park: no further clearing
19 of land, or draining or filling of wetlands shall be allowed within Far North
20 Bicentennial Park.

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22 The enumeration of prohibited uses in this Plan shall not prevent or restrict the following
23 activities:

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25 1. Maintenance of existing trails, improvements of trailhead access, and
26 improvement or expansion of the existing trail system
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28 2. fire prevention and public safety
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30 3. development of a Little League ball field complex within the Southwest
31 corner of the park, as authorized by amendment to the Plan.
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33 4. expansion and on-going activities at Hilltop Ski Area, as authorized in the
34 current lease with the Municipality of Anchorage
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36 All clearing, draining, or filling done in connection with these activities shall be
37 documented as to purpose and scope, and shall include written justification of need for
38 such clearing, etc. in each instance. Each written explanation and justification shall be
39 maintained on file as a public record with the office of the Director of the Department of
40 Cultural and Recreational Activities.

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42 The restrictions above shall take precedence over all other sections of this plan.
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Section 6: Intent and Interpretation

By enacting Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance, the Assembly intends to enact "substantially the same measure" as the Little League Ball Field Initiative certified by the Municipal Clerk in September, 2002 and relating to development of ball fields in Far North Bicentennial Park. If there is any conflict between the terms of the measure enacted by Sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance and the remaining provisions of this ordinance or any action, including preparation and approval of a development and site plan the Parks and Recreation Commission or mitigation required under Section 4 above, the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 shall govern. Sections 3-5 of this ordinance shall be interpreted to implement or carry out rather than restrict or condition the measure enacted in sections 1 and 2 of this ordinance.

Section 7: Effective dates

Except for section 5 above, all provisions of this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval. Section 5 shall become effective within ninety (90) days provided that the Parks and Recreation Commission is given the opportunity to make recommendations and comments to the Assembly on the amendment proposed to the Updated Far North Bicentennial Park Master Plan set forth in that section.

PASSED and approved by the Anchorage Assembly this 10th day of Dec 2002.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

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AO 2002-165

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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED
	AO 2002-165 - Amending the Updated Far North Bicentennial	28-Oct-02
	Park Master Plan	Indicate Documents Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AO <input type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM
2	DEPARTMENT NAME	DIRECTOR'S NAME
	Assembly	Greg Moyer
3	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER
4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS DATE
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mayor	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Solid Waste Services	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water & Wastewater Utility	
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	Cultural & Recreational Services	
	Employee Relations	
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	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Management and Budget	
	Management Information Services	
	Police	
	Planning, Development & Public Works	
	Development Services	
	Facility Management	
	Planning	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Street Maintenance	
	Traffic	
	Public Transportation Department	
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5	Special Instructions/Comments	
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AMENDED AND APPROVED
Date: 12-17-02

Submitted by: Chairman of the Assembly
at the Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Mayor's Office
For reading: December 17, 2002

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AR NO. 2002-408

1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE CLARIFYING THE INTENT OF
2 AO 2002-165, PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY DECEMBER 10, 2002, REGARDING
3 CONSTRUCTION OF BALL FIELDS IN BICENTENNIAL PARK AND MAINTAINING
4 UTILITY AND ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY
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7 WHEREAS, nearly 10,000 voters signed a petition calling for a public vote on
8 construction of Little League ball fields in Bicentennial Park; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Anchorage Assembly responded to the public's call for action and
11 adopted Anchorage Ordinance 2002-165 directing construction of the ball fields in the southwest
12 corner of Bicentennial Park; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Assembly further recognizes that time is of the essence in expediting
15 approval of the final details necessary to construct the Little League ball fields at the earliest
16 possible date; and
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18 WHEREAS, both the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission and the Anchorage
19 Planning and Zoning Commission have ~~already authorized construction of Little League ball~~
20 ~~fields in~~ the southwest corner of Bicentennial Park and those actions meet the intent of AO 2002-
21 165; and
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23 WHEREAS, offsetting mitigation required by AO 2002-165 will not impede or restrict
24 any rights-of-way in or near Bicentennial Park.
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26 NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly resolves:
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28 Section 1. That it is the intent of the Assembly and Mayor that the baseball fields be
29 sufficient in size, number and configuration to meet the documented needs of the Simonian Little
30 League.
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32 Section 2. That construction of such fields shall commence in sufficient time to allow
33 grass to be seeded in 2003.
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35 Section 3. That neither this resolution nor AO 2002-165 are intended to interfere with
36 existing rights-of-way or to preclude, impede, endorse or establish future rights-of-way for
37 utilities or roads including, but not limited to, projects funded by the voters in the November 5,
38 2002, statewide general election.
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40 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Assembly this 17th day of December, 2002.
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Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:


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4	COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY	INITIALS	DATE
X	Mayor	<i>[Signature]</i>	
	Heritage Land Bank		
	Merrill Field Airport		
	Municipal Light & Power		
	Port of Anchorage		
	Solid Waste Services		
	Water & Wastewater Utility		
	Municipal Manager		
	Cultural & Recreational Services		
	Employee Relations		
	Finance, Chief Fiscal Officer		
	Fire		
	Health & Human Services		
	Office of Management and Budget		
	Management Information Services		
	Police		
	Planning, Development & Public Works		
	Development Services		
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	Planning		
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1	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED 1/14/03	
	A Resolution of the Anchorage Assembly Determining a Suitable Site for Little League Ball Fields in the SW Corner of Bicentennial Park and the Size, Number, and Configuration of the Fields, Including Attendant and Related Facilities	Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM	
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	Merrill Field Airport		
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	Port of Anchorage		
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