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Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Economic & Community
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1 A RESOLUTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE APPROVING THE NAMING
2 OF A PROPOSED LITTLE LEAGUE BALL FIELD AT THE SOUTH ANCHORAGE
3 SPORTS COMPLEX AS "CHAD A. BAX BASEBALL FIELD"

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5 WHEREAS, the Public Facilities Advisory Commission (PFAC) receives and reviews
6 requests for naming municipal public places, including Anchorage School District buildings
7 and facilities (AMC 3.97.010); and
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9 WHEREAS, the PFAC received a request from the Mayor to name the newly proposed
10 baseball field at the South Anchorage Sports Complex as the "Chad A. Bax Baseball
11 Field"; and
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13 WHEREAS, Chad Bax was a talented, hardworking and well-liked player in the Dimond
14 West Little League where he played for eight years, who lived his young life to the fullest
15 and touched the lives of many, with the Dimond West Little League taking the
16 extraordinary step of retiring his lucky number, seven; and
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18 WHEREAS, six years after his death from encephalitis at the age of thirteen, community
19 support remains strong for naming a baseball field at the South Anchorage Sports
20 Complex in honor of Chad Bax; and
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22 WHEREAS, Dimond West Little League will be constructing a new Little League baseball
23 field in the coming year at the South Anchorage Sports Complex; and
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25 WHEREAS, both Dimond West Little League and American Legion Baseball, the two
26 organized ball groups using the sports complex, fully support and strongly recommend
27 naming the new Little League field at the facility in honor of Chad Bax; and
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29 WHEREAS, the PFAC is required to solicit potential names from the community, including
30 community councils and cultural organizations for each public place under consideration,
31 per AMC 3.97.030; and
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33 WHEREAS, the PFAC completed a solicitation of recommended names for this sports field
34 at the South Anchorage Sports Complex by formal advertisement in the Municipal Page of
35 the Anchorage Daily News as well as requests to community councils; and
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37 WHEREAS, the PFAC received no other names from those interested in the honor of
38 having the proposed ball field named after them or their family; and
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40 WHEREAS, the three area community councils – Sand Lake, Bayshore/Klatt and
41 Oceanview/Old Seward – all responded with unanimous resolutions of support; and

WHEREAS, per AMC 3.97.030, the PFAC is required to also solicit a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission if the public place is a park, trail or recreational facility; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously at its December 14, 2006 meeting in support of the proposal to name the ball field "Chad A. Bax Baseball Field"; and

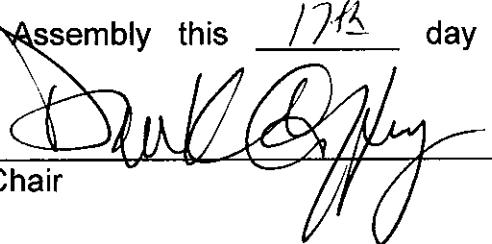
WHEREAS, the PFAC finds the proposed name to be consistent with the municipal naming policy as described in AMC 3.97 and voted unanimously at its January 24, 2007 meeting to support the proposal to name the proposed ball field at the South Anchorage Sports Complex the "Chad A. Bax Baseball Field,"

NOW THEREFORE, the Anchorage Assembly Resolves:

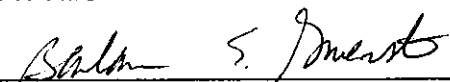
Section 1: That the proposed Little League baseball field slated for installation in the coming year at the South Anchorage Sports Complex shall be named the "Chad A. Bax Baseball Field."

Section 2: This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Assembly.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this 17th day of April 2007.


Chair

ATTEST:


Municipal Clerk

Public Facilities Advisory Commission

Resolution 2007-01

A Resolution of the Public Facilities Advisory Commission Recommending Assembly Action to Name a Proposed Little League Field at the South Anchorage Sports Complex as the "Chad A. Bax Baseball Field."

WHEREAS, the Public Facilities Advisory Commission (PFAC) receives and reviews requests for naming a municipal public place, excluding Anchorage School District buildings and facilities (AMC 3.97.010); and

WHEREAS, the PFAC received a request from the Mayor to name the newly proposed baseball field at the South Anchorage Sports Field Complex as the "Chad A. Bax Baseball Field"; and

WHEREAS, Chad Bax was a talented, hardworking, and well-liked player in the Dimond West Little League where he played for eight years; and

WHEREAS, Chad Bax lived his young life to the fullest and touched the lives of many, leading Dimond West Little League to take the extraordinary step of retiring his lucky number, seven; and

WHEREAS, six years after his death from encephalitis at the age of thirteen, community support remains strong for naming a baseball field at the South Anchorage Sports Complex in honor of Chad Bax; and

WHEREAS, Dimond West Little League will be constructing a new Little League baseball field at South Anchorage Sports Park in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, Dimond West Little League and American Legion Baseball, the two organized baseball groups using South Anchorage Sports Park, both fully support and strongly recommend naming the new little league field at the facility in honor Chad Bax.

WHEREAS, the PFAC is required to solicit potential names from the community, including community councils and cultural organizations for each public place under consideration (AMC 3.97.030); and

WHEREAS, the PFAC completed a solicitation of recommended names for this sports field at the South Anchorage Sports Field Complex by formal advertisement in the Municipal page of the Anchorage Daily News and requests to affected community councils; and

WHEREAS, the PFAC received no other names from those interested in the honor of having the proposed baseball field named after them or their family; and

WHEREAS, the three area Community Councils, Sand Lake, Bayshore/Klatt, and Oceanview/Old Seward, all responded with unanimous resolutions of support; and

WHEREAS, the PFAC is required to also solicit a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission if the public place is a park, trail or recreation facility (AMC 3.97.030); and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously at its December 14, 2006 meeting in support of the proposal to name the sports field "Chad A Bax Baseball Field"; and

WHEREAS, the PFAC finds the name, "Chad A. Bax Baseball Field," to be consistent with the municipal naming policy as described in AMC 3.97; and

WHEREAS, the PFAC voted unanimously at its January 24, 2007 meeting to support the proposal to name the newly proposed sports field at the South Anchorage Sports Complex "Chad A. Bax Baseball Field";

Now Therefore the Public Facilities Advisory Commission Resolves to Recommend to the Anchorage Municipal Assembly Approve Naming the Proposed Little League Field at the South Anchorage Sports Field Complex as the "Chad A. Bax Baseball Field".


Chair

Public Facilities Advisory Commission

**A Resolution of the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council
to Name One Baseball Field at the South Anchorage Sports Park
in Honor of Chad A. Bax**

Whereas, at the request of the community Mayor Mark Begich has initiated a naming action for a municipal facility under Anchorage Municipal Code 3.97; and

Whereas, Chad Bax was a talented, hardworking, and well-liked player in the Dimond West Little League where he played for eight years; and

Whereas, Chad Bax lived his young life to the fullest and touched the lives of many leading Dimond West Little League to take the extraordinary step of retiring his lucky number, seven; and

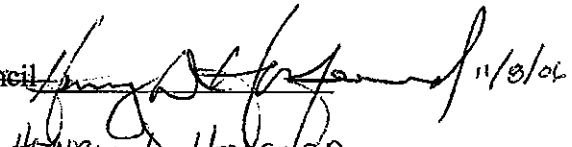
Whereas, five years after his death from encephalitis at the age of thirteen, community support remains strong for naming a baseball field at the South Anchorage Sports Park in honor of Chad Bax; and

Whereas, Dimond West Little League will be constructing a new little league baseball field at South Anchorage Sports Park in the coming year; and

Whereas, Dimond West Little League and American Legion Baseball, the two organized baseball groups using South Anchorage Sports Park, both fully support and strongly recommend naming the new little league field at the facility in honor Chad Bax.

Now, Therefore, the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council resolves to support the proposal to name a baseball field at the South Anchorage Sports Park in honor of Chad A. Bax and requests the Anchorage Municipal Assembly to approve this action at its earliest convenience.

Approved by the Old Seward/Oceanview Community Council


HENRY D. HORSFORD,
PRESIDENT

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DIMOND WEST LITTLE LEAGUE

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Dear Commission Members,

October 24, 2006

I have served as President of Dimond-West Little League President for the past two years and been deeply involved in the league for many years prior to this. I cannot begin to imagine a more tragic event that the passing of a 13 year old young man due to an unforeseen illness. Such was the case of our former league player, Chad A. Bax, who was taken from us all in 2001. Chad exhibited both the talent and desire that would have enabled him to excel in baseball for many, many more years prior to his tragic passing. It is rare indeed that a community is afforded such an obvious set of circumstances supporting the naming of a public facility in honor of an individual. In life, Chad exhibited all of the qualities and youthful exuberance that could ever be desired from a gifted baseball player. I respectfully request that you now allow his memory to continue to inspire our future players by naming one of the baseball fields within the South Anchorage Sports Park in honor of Chad A. Bax.

Kindest regards,

Scott French, President
Dimond-West Little League

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Mayor Mark Begich

Parks & Recreation Department

January 11, 2007

Bernard Johnson
Chair, Public Facilities Advisory Commission
Municipality of Anchorage
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519

RE: Park Facility Naming—Little League Ball Field
South Anchorage Sports Park

Dear Mr. Johnson:

The Parks and Recreation Commission voted unanimously at its December 14, 2006, meeting in support of the proposal to rename one of the Little League ball fields at South Anchorage Sports Park after Chad A. Bax.

Under AMC 3 97 as amended by AO 2006-51(S), the Commission considered the connection Chad had with Anchorage's municipal parks and the recreation opportunities offered, in particular Chad's participation in Little League baseball. This connection has been confirmed by the considerable and well documented support for honoring Chad expressed by the community since his death in 2001.

Therefore, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommends that the Public Facilities Advisory Commission recommend renaming one of the Little League ball fields at South Anchorage Sports Park "Chad A. Bax Baseball Field."

Please let us know if we may provide further information in support of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Vic Mollozzi, Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

Cc: Jeff Dillon, Director, Parks and Recreation Department
Robin Ward, Director, Heritage Land Bank
Michael F. Johnson, Office of the Mayor

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Mayor Mark Begich

Office of the Mayor

Memorandum

TO: Public Facilities Advisory Commission

FROM: Mayor Mark Begich 

DATE: September 22, 2006

SUBJECT: Request to Name One Ball Field at the South Anchorage Sports Park

Under the procedure prescribed in AMC 3.97.030, I am requesting that you undertake the naming process for one Little League field at the South Anchorage Sports Park. Specifically, the community, particularly in Southwest Anchorage, remains strongly interested in honoring and memorializing Chad Bax, a 13 year old little league competitor who died of an unfortunate illness in 2001.

With community support, the Bax family endeavored to honor their son in 2003 by naming all of the Little League fields at the South Anchorage Sports Park for their son. The Parks and Recreation Commission strictly adhered to their naming guidelines and decided against the action. Since that time, community activists and local officials have maintained an interest in honoring Chad Bax. Therefore, I am requesting that you consider this modest request which complies with municipal code.

At the appropriate time, my staff and I will be happy to share with you the volume of community support for this initiative and cooperative efforts to honor the life of Chad Bax without placing a strain upon municipal finances.

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September 25, 2006

Mayor Mark Begich
632 West 6th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

Mark
Dear Mayor Begich,

It has been 5 years since Chad Bax's untimely death from encephalitis. Chad was a young boy full of energy, passion and big dreams. He loved the game of baseball and during his life he played with all of his heart. Chad touched the lives of his family, friends, teammates and his coaches. After 5 years, I still receive e-mails, letters and phone calls from neighbors asking for my help and support in getting a baseball field named in his honor.

I fully support the naming of one field at the South Anchorage Sports Complex in honor of Chad A. Bax. The support from the community is as strong today as it was years ago. I truly appreciate your assistance in making this memorial of Chad Bax's life a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lesil".

Representative Lesil McGuire

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE SAND LAKE COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO NAME
ONE BASEBALL FIELD @ THE SOUTH ANCHORAGE SPORTS COMPLEX
IN HONOR OF
CHAD A. BAX**

Whereas, AMC 3.97 established a means of recognizing and honoring persons by naming municipal owned buildings as well as other facilities and public places after persons.

Whereas, under AMC 3.97 this naming action may be initiated by a formal request of the Mayor to the Assembly:

Whereas, Chad A. Bax was a Little League baseball player who died at the young age of 13 from a disease called encephalitis on September 16, 2001.; and

Whereas, Chad A. Bax grew up in Anchorage and loved baseball. Chad had aspirations of becoming a professional baseball player and was part of the Dimond West Little League for 8 years. Chad was in eighth grade at Mears Junior High School.

Whereas, Chad A. Bax touched many people's lives in a positive way. In honor of Chad, Dimond West Little League retired his lucky number, 7; and

Whereas, Chad A. Bax lived life to the fullest. Chad not only enjoyed the game of baseball but he also enjoyed snow mobile riding, fishing, snowboarding, and rollerblading.

Whereas, the Sand Lake Community Council supports a resolution on to name one baseball field at the South Anchorage Sports Complex in honor of Chad A. Bax for his lifelong commitment and passion for the sport of baseball.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Sand Lake Community Council resolves:

Section 1. That one field at the South Anchorage Sports Complex be named "Chad A. Bax Baseball Field."

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage and approval by the Anchorage Assembly.

Passed by the Sand Lake Community Council September 11, 2006



Sherri Jackson, Community Council President

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A Resolution of the Bayshore – Klatt Community Council
to Name One Baseball Field at the South Anchorage Sports Park
in Honor of Chad A. Bax

Whereas, at the request of the community Mayor Mark Begich has initiated a naming action for a municipal facility under Anchorage Municipal Code 3.97; and

Whereas, Chad Bax was a talented, hardworking, and well-liked player in the Dimond West Little League where he played for eight years; and

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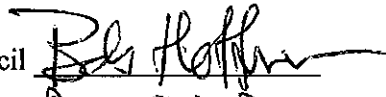
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Whereas, Dimond West Little League will be constructing a new little league baseball field at South Anchorage Sports Park in the coming year; and

Whereas, Dimond West Little League and American Legion Baseball, the two organized baseball groups using South Anchorage Sports Park, both fully support and strongly recommend naming the new little league field at the facility in honor Chad Bax.

Now, Therefore, the Bayshore-Klatt Community Council resolves to support the proposal to name a baseball field at the South Anchorage Sports Park in honor of Chad A. Bax and requests the Anchorage Municipal Assembly to approve this action at its earliest convenience.

Passed by the Bayshore-Klatt Community Council


President
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AMC 3.97.030 Procedures.

A. Preliminary action in naming a public place may be initiated by the mayor or a quorum of the assembly. If the assembly is the initiating organization, a proposal in letter format addressed to the mayor will be prepared. Upon receipt of an assembly request to name a public place or upon the mayor's decision to seek a name for a public place, the mayor will submit the request to the public facilities advisory commission to solicit potential names, to hold public meetings as prescribed in AMC 4.05.090, and to identify an appropriate name for the public place.

B. The public facilities advisory commission will solicit potential names from the community, including community councils and cultural organizations, for each public place under consideration. If the public place is a park, trail or recreation facility, the public facilities advisory commission will also solicit a recommendation from the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission or the Chugiak-Eagle River Parks and Recreation Board of Supervisors. That recommendation will specify findings based on the policy considerations of Section 3.97.020 and criteria of Section 3.97.025. The public facilities advisory commission may consider those names submitted by the mayor or the assembly, taking care not to overlook the contributions of women and minorities to the city, state and nation. Historic, cultural, geographic, natural, and functional attributes will be considered priority, and the purpose, policies, and criteria of this chapter shall be followed in selecting names for public places. Upon agreement by a quorum of the commission, a letter identifying and prioritizing the top three names with a recommendation shall be forwarded to the mayor. The mayor will make the commission's letter an attachment to a resolution for consideration by the assembly. Memoranda as appropriate may be appended to the resolution to explain or amplify relevant information for benefit of assembly review.

C. The assembly will set the naming resolution for public hearing at least one month after introduction to ensure appropriate information dissemination to the public during this period.

(AO No. 87-73; AO No. 2006-51(S), § 4, 6-20-06)