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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 7, 2016

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

Cc: Josh Durand, Parks Superintendent

From: Tom Korosei, Park Planner

PRC 2016-13 – Equine Assisted Therapy Alaska Covered Arena

Project: Project Update

Equine Assisted Therapy Alaska (EATA), in cooperation with the Anchorage Horse Council, is continuing to plan for construction of a covered arena at the Chamberlin Equestrian Center at Ruth Arcand Park. The Parks and Recreation Commission approved the general project plan at the Commission's meeting in March 2015 (PRC 2015-10, PRC Res 2015-07), subject to obtaining all additional permits and approvals necessary.

At that time one of the issues to be resolved in order to obtain the building permit was meeting the requirements of the building code with respect to fire safety. Since the site currently does not have service from the public water system, EATA is able to meet fire safety requirements by providing a recommended fire break, providing an on-site water source, and improving accessibility for fire response equipment.

The required accessibility improvements consist of construction of a clear route for vehicular access, including a perimeter route around the proposed structure. In order to create the fire break and build the access route, the project engineer estimates that an area of approximately 7000 sq. ft. of vegetation would be cleared.

A site plan showing the fire access route and proposed clearing areas is attached.

Parks and Recreation staff believes that the clearing is reasonable in order to meet building code requirements, and does not represent a significant change to the plans the Commission previously approved. EATA presented these proposed site modifications to the Abbott Loop Community Council in January 2016 and to the Anchorage Horse Council in February with no objections noted.

EATA is considering additional plan amendments to include a play area that would complement the therapeutic riding program for clients and their families. EATA would return for PRC approval of those proposed changes in the future.

Attachments:
Site Plan and Project Information
Community Council Resolution 1/28/16
PRC Minutes 3/12/15

Cc: Rebecca Widmer, Executive Director, Equine Assisted Therapy Alaska

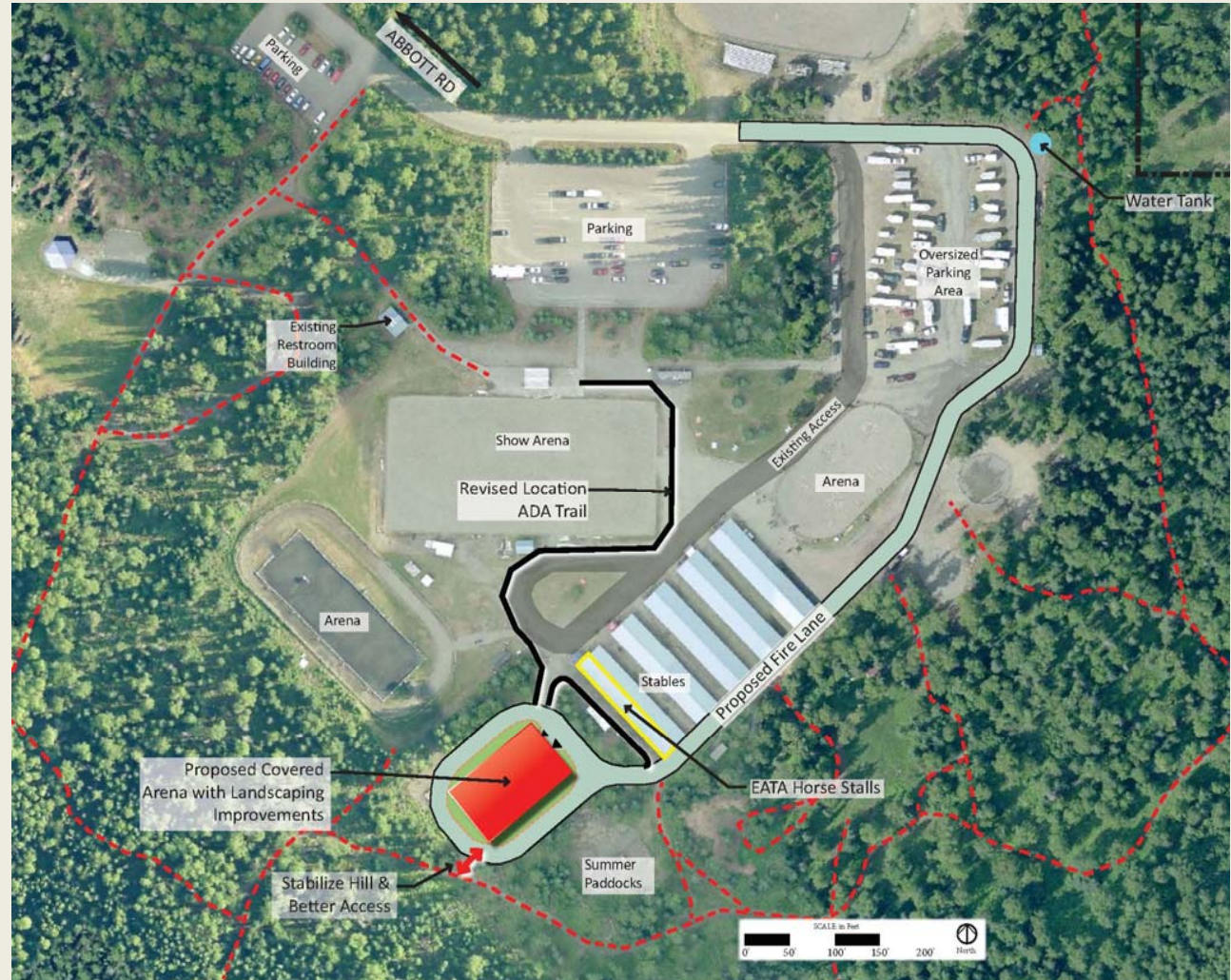
Site Plan

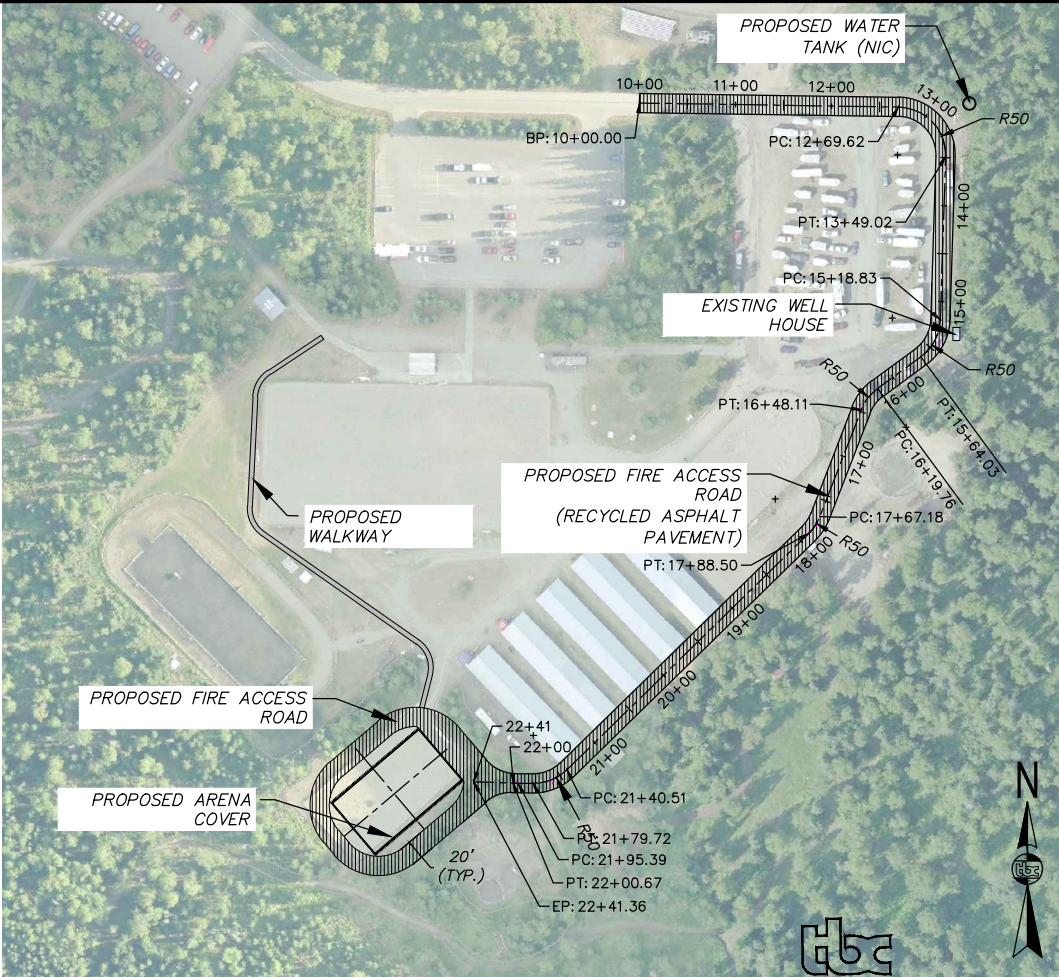
Civil Improvements

- Covered Arena Structure
- Fire Lane
 - RAP (recycled asphalt pavement)
 - 20' W.
 - Fire break
- ADA Trail
 - 5' W.
- Water Tank
 - 5,000 gal. tank
 - Possible fire suppression
- Enhanced Trail Access
 - Stabilization
 - Trailhead enhancement

Permitting Status – Approved!

Schedule – Construction Fall 2016


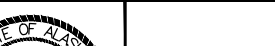




LEGEND:

- 376 --- EXISTING CONTOUR LINE
- 379 — PROPOSED CONTOUR LINE
- — — EXISTING BUILDING
- - - - - EXISTING TRAIL AND ACCESS ROUTE
- + + + — PROPOSED FENCE
- ~ ~ ~ EXISTING VEGETATION
- [Cross-hatched box] PROPOSED CLEARING LIMITS
- [Hatched box] PROPOSED STRUCTURE FOUNDATION
- [Diagonal lines box] PROPOSED FIRE LANE
- [Solid grey box] PROPOSED WALKWAY

1 inch = 50 ft. on 11 x 17
1 inch = 25 ft. on 22 x 34
= 1 inch on 11x17

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																					SITE PLAN AND LEGEND			

DISTANCE FROM PROP ARENA COVER TO NEAREST BUILDING (STABLES): 86 FT

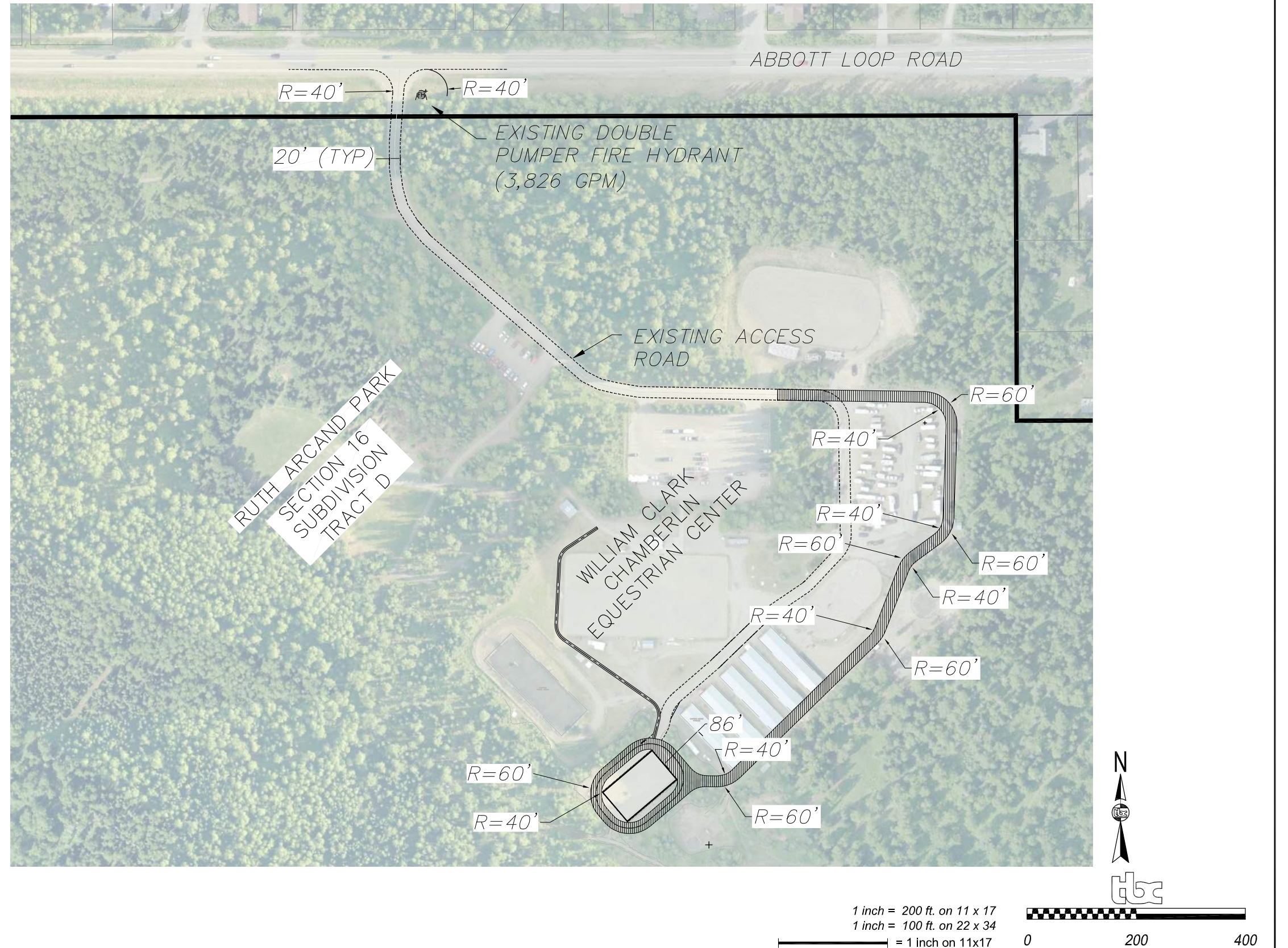
DISTANCE FROM FIRE HYDRANT TO PROPOSED ARENA: 1,925 FT



NEAREST FIRE HYDRANT FLOW: 3,826 GPM

REQUIRED FIRE-FLOW: 2,000 GPM (IFC, TABLE B105.1)

PROP FIRE ACCESS ROAD LENGTH: 120 FT

EXISTING INTERNAL ROADS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED AND DETERMINED TO HAVE A BEARING CAPACITY GREATER THAN 80,000 POUNDS. IMPROVED ROADWAY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MUNICIPAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION.



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CONSTRUCTION RECORD		VERTICAL DATUM			PLAN CHECK			REVISIONS			CONSULTANT			SEAL							

ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

C/O Ray Metcalfe President

PO Box 231007

Anchorage Alaska 99523

January 28, 2016

to Whomever it May Concern

Abbott Loop RES #1 of 2015, Proposed Equestrian Arena Enclosure:

WHEREAS , the Abbott Loop Community Council serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly for the residents of the Abbott Loop community; and

WHEREAS, Equine Assisted Therapy Alaska is a non-profit organization that provides valuable services to citizens of Anchorage , and holds a lease allowing for development of improvements at Ruth Arcand Park to facilitate and enhance those services; and

WHEREAS, EATA has submitted plans generally consistent with the said lease with the Municipality of Anchorage through Anchorage Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS , EATA holds a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Anchorage Horse Council (AHC) on the use of the arena for the equestrian community; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Abbott Loop Community Council has no objection to the amended construction of a proposed enclosure for equestrian facilities at Ruth Arcand Park, generally as proposed, subject to the following condition:

EATA shall obtain all additional approvals and permits necessary and required in conformance with applicable Municipal and other agency regulations; and

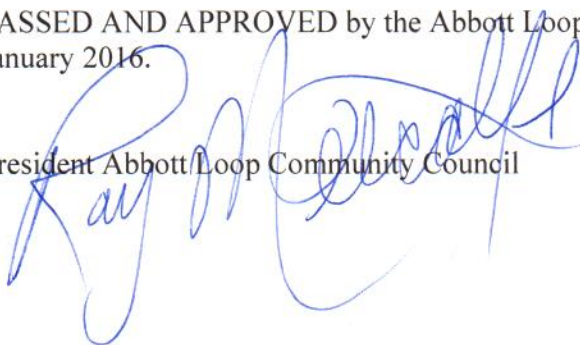
EATA shall report to Abbott Loop Community Council with updated project information, as appropriate.

Amended on January 28, 2016 to approve the following changes:

The arena will now be covered so there can be year round use. The arena will be moved slightly to the south. The muni is requiring a 30' firebreak behind the stalls and around the arena requiring the removal of trees. The existing road needs to be reinforced around the arena area so that it can handle the weight of a fire truck. Abbott Loop Community Council requests that that EATA replace all trees removed, if the project is not completed and trees are removed.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Abbott Loop Community Council on this 28th day of January 2016.

President Abbott Loop Community Council



III. Consent Agenda

A. Agenda

Two requests to amend the Agenda for the March 12, 2015 Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission were made.

1. Because he had to leave the meeting early, Commissioner Jim Balamaci requested that the Action Items be moved forward on the Agenda to be heard prior to the Director's Comments and other items that did not require a vote by the Commission.

2. Park Superintendent Josh Durand requested that Action Item (C) PRC 15-10 Ruth Arcand Covered Arena be heard before Action Items (A) and (B) to accommodate members of the public who were presenting this project to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Jim Winchester and seconded by Commissioner Jim Balamaci, the Agenda was amended and unanimously approved.

B. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Rich Mystrom and seconded by Commissioner Jim Winchester, the Minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission were unanimously approved.

IV. Action Items

(C) PRC 15-10 Ruth Arcand Park Covered Arena (PRC Resolution No. 2015-07)

Presented by Josh Durand, Park Superintendent, and
Rebecca Widmer, Executive Director of Equine Assisted
Therapy Alaska (EATA)

Equine Assisted Therapy Alaska (EATA) is preparing to resubmit plans for a structure to cover an arena at the Chamberlin Equestrian Center at Ruth Arcand Park. EATA provides recreational and therapeutic horse riding programs for children and adults with disabilities. The proposed structure would provide greater security and protection from the weather and allow year-round operation. Plans originally proposed in 2010 were for a different site at the Center and required more extensive site preparation. The new plan at the new location will utilize an existing arena and require less preparation. The structure will be the same as that proposed in 2010: a white and green arched, steel-framed structure with fabric covering, 120 feet long, 72 feet wide, and 20 feet high. The structure is a pre-engineered standard design from Cover-all Building Systems, Inc. The plans were submitted under a ground lease for operation of the Equestrian Center

that was approved by voters and the Assembly. Huffman O'Malley and Abbott Loop Community Councils have indicated their support.

Public Appearance Requests

There were no appearance requests from the public on this action item.

Staff Recommendation

Parks and Recreation staff recommend that the Parks and Recreation Commission adopt the proposed resolution supporting the proposed covered arena project at Ruth Arcand Park as presented with the following condition:

EATA shall obtain all additional approvals and permits necessary and required in conformance with applicable Municipal and other agency regulations.

Public Appearance Requests

Steve Ribuffo of Equine Assisted Therapy Alaska and Nancy Burroughs, President of the Anchorage Horse Council, both spoke in favor of this project.

Resolution

Upon motion duly made by Commissioner Rich Mystrom and seconded by Commissioner Levi Robinson, Resolution No. 2015-07 Proposed Equestrian Arena Enclosure at Ruth Arcand Park was unanimously approved as follows:

PRC Resolution No. 2015-07

Proposed Equestrian Arena Enclosure at Ruth Arcand Park

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long term vision of our park system by ensuring that a balance of parks, natural resources, and recreation facilities provides for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Equine Assisted Therapy Alaska is a non-profit organization that provides valuable services to citizens of Anchorage, and holds a lease allowing for development of improvements at Ruth Arcand Park to facilitate and enhance those services; and

WHEREAS, EATA has submitted plans generally consistent with the said lease and other plans, and supported in concept by Huffman-O'Malley and Abbott Loop Community Councils; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission recommends authorization for construction of a proposed enclosure for equestrian facilities at Ruth Arcand Park, generally as proposed, subject to the following condition:

EATA shall obtain all additional approvals and permits necessary and required in conformance with applicable Municipal and other agency regulations.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 12th day of March, 2015.

**(A) PRC 15-08 Proposed Permit Renewal for
Telecommunications Antenna at Kincaid Park
(PRC Resolution No. 2015-05)**

Presented by Maeve Nevins, Park Planner

A permit issued to the Megadata Corporation/Passur Aerospace for its PASSUR (Passive Secondary Surveillance Radar) system in 2009 will expire this year. The system continues to be used by the Ted Stevens International Airport for airport operations, is used by commercial operators, and allows accurate tracking of aircraft at the airport to confirm arrivals and departures. The site of the antenna is atop the Kincaid Park Outdoor Center. It is 24 inches tall and 35 inches in diameter, supported on a pole attached to the exterior wall. The antenna extends approximately four feet above the wall to allow direct line of sight to the FAA's ASR-11 radar also located in the park to the east of the Outdoor Center. There is auxiliary equipment located inside the building. Parks and Recreation reports that no problems or negative effects from the equipment have been noted. The new permit, just like the permit that will expire this year, will be a temporary/revocable permit for a term of one year but may have the option to renew annually for up to five years. Renewal or extension of the permit may be subject to further Parks and Recreation review and may be subject to further restrictions. The permit requires Assembly authorization.

Staff Recommendation

Parks and Recreation staff request that the Commission adopt the resolution authorizing the Municipality to issue the subject permit subject to these conditions:

1. The permit document shall be subject to review by the Municipal Attorney, and contain appropriate terms in the interest of the Municipality including terms pertaining to site restoration.
2. The permittee shall pay applicable fees in accordance with code and current fee schedule, including fair market value or reasonable periodic rate on basis determined by the Municipality.