

Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska

Parks & Recreation Department

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PARKS & RECREATION

PRC RES NO. 2012–11 Anchorage Disc Golf Site Selection and Management Study

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, Parks and Recreation supports a wide range of recreational activities that compete for space and resources in our parks system; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation currently manages five disc golf facilities in the Municipal park system; and

WHEREAS, disc golf has grown in popularity in recent years and currently does not have a Level of Service standard established in the Anchorage Bowl Park, Natural Resource and Recreation Facility Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Parks & Recreation Commission established an advisory group to recommend criteria to select locations for additional disc golf courses in Municipal parks and to recommend management expectations for disc golf in Municipal parks; and

WHEREAS, the advisory group is comprised of members of the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Parks & Recreation Department, neighbors of Westchester Disc Golf Course, and local disc golf players; and

WHEREAS, five advisory group meetings, facilitated by USKH, were held from August to December to collect input for the baseline document; and

WHEREAS, the advisory group identified specific criteria for the location of disc golf facilities and recommended management strategies for how these facilities can be successfully operated in Municipal parks; and

WHEREAS, the baseline document received extensive review and comments from the advisory group; and

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WHEREAS, results from this collaborative study are intended to assist Parks and Recreation with tools to successfully integrate additional disc golf courses within the Municipal park system; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approve the Anchorage Disc Golf Site Selection and Management Study as submitted.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 13th day of December, 2012.

Chair

Parks and Recreation Commission

John Rodda,/Director

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