MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Submitted by: Chair of the Commission at the Request of the Department Director

Prepared by: Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department

Anchorage, Alaska
RESOLUTION NO. 2009-13A
Proposed Land Exchange Involving Sisterhood Park for E. 48th Ave./Van Buren St. Upgrade

Whereas, the Municipality of Anchorage Project Management and Engineering Department proposes alterations to West 48th Avenue and Van Buren Street to improve traffic safety and circulation in the vicinity of Sisterhood Park, Northwood Elementary School, and certain businesses; and

Whereas, to facilitate the proposed road improvements the multiphase project proposes a land trade between the Municipality and an adjoining business known as Alaska Fast Freight; and

Whereas, the proposed land trade would give the Municipality approximately 2.5 acres of new park land and additional park improvements and amenities including replacement soccer field and new off-street parking facility, all of which would be incorporated into a new park site plan prepared as part of the project, in exchange for 1.8 acres of land within Sisterhood Park ; and

Whereas, Sisterhood Park was dedicated for permanent or long-term park or recreation purposes under AO 84-199 and AO 90-71(S), and under Municipal Code and Charter conveyance of dedicated park land as proposed would require approval by the Municipal Assembly and by a majority of voters in a general election; and

Whereas, the Community Council and neighborhood support the proposed road improvements and associated land exchange; now, therefore:

THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION RESOLVES:

The Parks and Recreation Commission supports the proposed land exchange for the public purposes described above, subject to further planning and public review, and recommends that the Assembly adopt ordinance(s) to support the land exchange and to present on a ballot for approval by the eligible voters of Anchorage.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Parks and Recreation Commission this 9th Day of April, 2009.

Chair

ATTEST:

Department Director