

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UACC)
RESOLUTION 2017-01
A Resolution of the UACC Requesting the Establishment of Park Rangers

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Charter Art. VIII, Sec 8.01 establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods in planning and development; **and**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Code Chap 25.10.080 B establishes MOA Parks; **and**

WHEREAS, Community Councils are intended to reflect actual neighborhoods and provide guidance advice on management of park-lands within their boundaries; **and**

WHEREAS, UACC feels that off leash dog use of the trails within some parks prevents them from comfortably being utilized by residents; **and**

WHEREAS, in many MOA parks, owners do not clean up after their dogs and do not abide by the on/off-leash regulations iaw MOA Title 17; **and**

WHEREAS, the MOA Parks and Recreation Division and the MOA Animal Care and Control Center (AACCC) need to adequately enforce the regulations regarding on/off leash dog areas to protect the health and safety of all user groups, but are unable to do so due to their limited staffing; **and**

WHEREAS, in September 2016 at the Valley of the Moon Park, the killings of two people touched off rising alarms about crime in the area and the city as a whole. Subsequently, Mayor Berkowitz announced a gathering in response to a letter from Valley of the Moon residents pleading for more police patrols on the trail system; **and**

WHEREAS, in July 2016 by an unusual advisory, the Anchorage Police Department warned residents not to travel alone at night in "isolated areas," days after a murder occurred in a park along a popular MOA park trail; **and**

WHEREAS, in June 2016 two women walking on a Friday afternoon in Kincaid Park were attacked by a moose; **and**

WHEREAS, in June 2015, Police said they're having trouble keeping people who flout the law out of Anchorage parks. If a person is caught drinking alcohol or dealing drugs or found naked in a park, a police officer can write a ticket or make an arrest; **and**

WHEREAS, in May 2015, a cyclist was attacked by a person while he crossed a pedestrian walkway near Goose Lake; **and**

WHEREAS, in April 2015, three men stabbed and killed a yearling moose in an East Anchorage park; **and**

WHEREAS, in March 2015, a woman was attacked and stabbed as she crossed over the pedestrian walk near Goose Lake; **and**

WHEREAS, annually authorities gear up to clear out dozens if not hundreds of homeless people from what police call illegal camping spots in Anchorage woods, parks and greenbelts. Some of the camps have been there for years. Some say they don't intend to leave; **and**

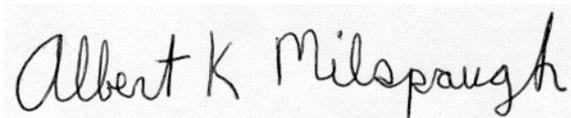
WHEREAS, the MOA would benefit if tourists and residents felt safer utilizing our parks if park rangers could provide information pertaining to our parks and city; **and**

WHEREAS, the presence of park rangers alone will help to eliminate and/or minimize dangerous and undesirable situations if they know that proper authorities will be alerted, should the need arise; **and**

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the UACC request that the MOA establish *Park Rangers*, if not on a *full*-time basis then on a *part* time basis, to monitor our parks and trail systems surrounding them.

Resolution Vote: For 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

This resolution was approved by the UACC on February 1, 2017.



Albert K. Milspaugh, UACC Vice President

Action: Each Assembly Member & Mayor

cc: Animal Control Advisory Board Commission Chairperson
Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson
Assembly Public Safety Committee Chairperson