

**UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UACC)
RESOLUTION 2022-03**

SUPPORT FOR RUSSIAN JACK MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS

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

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

WHEREAS, Russian Jack Springs Park (RJSP) is centrally located, shared and enjoyed by all east Anchorage neighborhoods, and is one of Anchorage's oldest and most popular parks; **and**

WHEREAS, the recently updated (2022) Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan designated approximately 45 acres of hilly terrain, on the northern side of the park, for the development of mountain bike trails; **and**

WHEREAS, the project helps activate the northern half of RJSP and brings accessible mountain biking trails to a significant number of residents and youth; **and**

WHEREAS, the non-profit Alaska Trails is working with the Municipality of Anchorage to build beginner and intermediate level mountain biking trails to implement the updated RJSP Master Plan; **and**

WHEREAS, the funding for the project will be raised by Alaska Trails and will be constructed by Youth Employment in Parks and professional trail builders; **and**

WHEREAS, the project will utilize many existing trails, will avoid wetlands, use ADF&G recommendations on wildlife corridors, and will ensure safe trail crossings; **and**

WHEREAS, the specific project plan will be reviewed by the Parks and Rec Commission prior to construction.

NOW THEREFORE, the UACC hereby resolves: That the Russian Jack Mountain Bike Trail Project is consistent with the updated Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan and the UACC supports the advancement of the project for construction in 2023.

Resolution Vote: For: 14 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

This resolution was approved by the University Area Community Council this 7th day of December, 2022.



Tyler Robinson, President, UACC