

Huffman O'Malley Community Council

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To: Anchorage Park Foundation, Anchorage Assembly, Federation of Community Councils

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED PARK/TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS TO CONNECT RABBIT CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS,

1. The Huffman O'Malley Community Council is supportive of maximizing safe and accessible trails through public parkland within the council area.
2. Trails are beneficial to providing opportunities for outdoor exercise for youth, residents, pets, and our community as a whole.
3. Some parkland is currently inaccessible to the public.
4. Existing trails are often overgrown, with dense vegetation in the summer months making accidental encounters with wildlife a concern. In addition, overgrown areas add to fire danger.

WE THEREFORE RESOLVE that the Anchorage Park Foundation should consider and support the work of volunteers seeking to create and improve trails through public parkland, by approving an Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant to improve or create trails between Westwind and Mainsail. The guiding principles for the trail construction are as follows:

1. Solicit input and support of residents of HOCC, especially those in the Turnagain View subdivision whose properties abut the park lands with existing or proposed trails.
2. Provide/improve alternative safe routes for kids walking to Rabbit Creek Elementary and South High School.
3. Preserve existing trees and vegetation along the sides of the parkland. In some cases where the parkland is narrow, fences, shrubs or trees may need to be installed to provide additional privacy.

PASSED AND APPROVED by Huffman O'Malley Community Council this 21st day of March, 2019.

This resolution passed by a vote of 12 in favor, 6 opposed, and 1 abstentions.

Respectfully,



Shirley A. Coté, President, Huffman O'Malley Community Council

HOCC Resolution in Support of Trail improvements/construction