

RESOLUTION

Relating to proposed boundaries for the Government Hill Community Council.

WHEREAS, the Federation of Community Councils' Community Council Boundary Review Committee (FCC/BRC) undertook a review of community council district boundaries in July 2001 – the first consideration of that topic in more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the Government Hill Community Council (GHCC) requested in October 2001, and the FCC/BRC recommended in its April 2002 report, that Ship Creek be the GHCC's southern boundary; and that the GHCC include the Government Hill Elementary School and the Defense Agency site; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Planning and Zoning Commission, however, in its December 9, 2002, report to the Assembly recommended that the GHCC southern boundary be extended south of Ship Creek to include industrial/commercial areas presently either in the Mountain View Community Council (south of Ship Creek, west of Reeve Blvd., north of East 3rd Avenue, east of Post Road), or territory presently located in no community council area (west of Post Road. North of East 2nd Avenue, east of Gambell Street. and south of Ship Creek); and

WHEREAS, since the inception of GHCC in 1975, Ship Creek has been the GHCC southern boundary; Ship Creek is a geographically distinct, clearly identifiable physical boundary; the industrial/commercial areas south of Ship Creek have had no connection to, or community of interest whatsoever with, Government Hill; indeed, the extension of GHCC south of Ship Creek will create less geographically compact community council district by adding parts of another community council or areas that have been recommended by the FCC/BRC for inclusion in other community council districts; and

WHEREAS, the GHCC believes that the redevelopment and improvement of the Ship Creek Basin best would be served and encouraged if all of the community councils bordering on that basin shared and participated in that project and its oversight – Government Hill, Downtown, Mountain View and Fairview; now, there be it

RESOLVED, THAT THE Government Hill Community Council:



- 1) concurs with the Anchorage Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation that the GHCC district include the Government Hill Elementary School;
- 2) acquiesces in the Commission's recommendation that the Defense Fuels Agency site be added to the GHCC district when the Department of Defense/U.S. Army releases the property and the Municipality of Anchorage acquires it; however,
- 3) strongly disagrees with, and objects to, the Commission's recommendation that the GHCC's historic boundary be extended south of Ship Creek to include industrial/commercial areas south of that waterway that either are presently a part of other community council districts or have been recommended by the FCC/BRC for inclusion in other community council districts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Dick Traini, Chair, Anchorage Municipal Assembly; the Honorable Allan Tesche, Member, Anchorage Municipal Assembly for the Downtown District; the Anchorage Planning & Zoning Commission and the Municipality's Department of Planning & Community Development; and, to the Federation of Community Councils.

Resolution read and adopted this 15th day of May 2003.


STEPHANIE KESLER, Co-Vice President

ATTEST:



DIANE MILLER, Co-Secretary/Treasurer
BOB FRENCH, Co-Secretary/Treasurer