

**SUPPORTING CITIZEN NAMING PANEL RECOMMENDATION
TO HONOR MARTIN “MARTY” CHARLES SMITH
AT THE MARSTON FIELDS IN LYN ARY PARK
Resolution #2019-05**

WHEREAS, the Turnagain Community Council (TCC) is an all-volunteer, self-governing neighborhood organization recognized in the Municipality of Anchorage Charter; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of community councils is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs; and

WHEREAS, Lyn Ary Park, located within the TCC boundaries along the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, is a highly-valued historical park originally established as a private park in 1947, was formally dedicated as a public park in 1971, and is used by both neighbors and the greater Anchorage community; and

WHEREAS, after extensive public outreach and collaboration by TCC and the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department, a Lyn Ary Park Master Plan was approved by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission on January 14, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Marston Fields in Lyn Ary Park were named after Muktuk Marston, who leased land in the Turnagain Slide area after the 1964 Earthquake for \$1.00 per year to the city, and later donated land to the city, for use as a public Park, and who was instrumental in development of recreation fields at the Park; and

WHEREAS, Currently there are four baseball diamonds and one practice diamond at the Marston Fields in Lyn Ary Park, which are managed during the summer months by the Anchorage West Little League (AWLL) in conformance with a permit through the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Martin “Marty” Charles Smith (Marty Smith) was raised in West Anchorage, developed a passion for baseball in his youth, and spent many hours volunteering at the Lyn Ary Park Marston Fields in adulthood by coaching, umpiring, serving on the AWLL Board of Directors, and providing leadership as president of AWLL in 2017 until having to retire due to cancer, which took his life in 2018 at the age of 51; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly formally approved a four-person Citizen Naming Panel for the purpose of naming a public place or facility in honor of Marty Smith on November 19, 2019; and

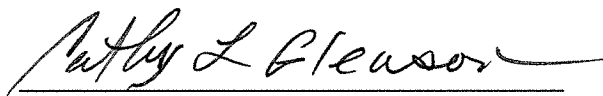
WHEREAS, after due deliberation as per Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 3.97, the Citizen Naming Panel recommends that Marty Smith be honored for his outstanding leadership and contributions to AWLL and Lyn Ary Park by naming the northwest baseball diamond at the Marston Fields in Lyn Ary Park the “Marty Smith Diamond”; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Mayor’s Office, in collaboration with the Citizen Naming Panel has presented the above recommendation to TCC and is asking TCC for its support of this effort to honor Marty Smith’s many significant contributions to AWLL and Lyn Ary Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that TCC supports the Citizen Naming Panel's recommendation to name the northwest baseball diamond at the Marston Fields in Lyn Ary Park the "Marty Smith Diamond"; and

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, that, after the Citizen Naming Panel has completed its efforts, and the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission and the Assembly have approved the Citizen Naming Panel's recommendation regarding naming the northwest baseball diamond at the Marston Fields in Lyn Ary Park in memory of Marty Smith, Turnagain Community Council will collaborate with the Anchorage West Little League and the Municipal Parks and Recreation Department regarding design and installation of appropriate signage at Lyn Ary Park consistent with the Lyn Ary Park Master Plan to appropriately acknowledge the above recognition of Marty Smith. Until that process has occurred, TCC directs that no signage reflecting the honorary name be placed at Lyn Ary Park.

RESOLUTION PASSED by the Turnagain Community Council on this day, Thursday, December 5, 2019, by a vote of YES - 25, NO - 0.



Cathy L. Gleason
Turnagain Community President

December 5, 2019