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A Resolution of Turnagain Community Council (TCC)

WHEREAS, high density housing in the areas surrounding **Lyn Ary Park** is resulting in more visitors and impact on the park;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the TCC supports maintaining the character of the Lyn Ary as a neighborhood park and not a citywide destination or Coastal Trail head. TCC requests the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) seek TCC approval before providing any amenities, upgrades or landscaping to Lyn Ary Park that would change the character of the park or attract more visitors. Lyn Ary Park should remain a small neighborhood park;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the TCC provides for the MOA, Division of Parks and Recreation the following guidance on Turnagain Community goals for Lyn Ary Park:

1. **USE:** TCC supports maintaining the current multiple use areas of Lyn Ary Park, including:
 - Open space and times for neighborhood games and free play
 - Children's equipment and play area
 - Summer tennis courts/Winter Ice-skating rink
 - Designated baseball below the bluff for the Anchorage West Little League's seasonal use

Because of safety concerns arising from over-scheduling of Lyn Ary Park, both in terms of frequency and size of events, the TCC does not support increasing the number or size of permitted users scheduled during the 2007.

For the safety of Lyn Ary Park users, TCC requests that the MOA notify schools and the general public of the MOA requirement that large groups wishing to use the park for special outings or festivities must obtain a permit.

TCC supports posting park rules in the parking lot.

2. **NATURAL BUFFERS:** The existing natural boundaries of Lyn Ary Park provide wonderful creative play areas for children using the park and a buffer for neighbors to the park. The TCC supports maintaining the existing trees and natural growth at Lyn Ary Park. TCC requests the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) seek TCC approval before providing any amenities, upgrades or landscaping changes to Lyn Ary Park that would change the character of the park.

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3. **LIGHTING:** Because most activities at Lyn Ary Park occur in the summertime and the park is surrounded by private homes, no increase in lighting is needed.
4. **FENCING:** Although some permanent fencing currently exists in Lyn Ary Park to support baseball, no additional permanent fencing is needed. Any additional fencing should be safe, temporary, and moveable on a seasonal basis.
5. **CONCESSIONS:** Concessions at Lyn Ary Park should not be permitted due to increased garbage and traffic that could be created by these activities.
6. **PARKING:** Lyn Ary Park is situated in the middle of a neighborhood and is not an appropriate park for increased vehicular traffic. People arriving by vehicle should be encouraged to use the parking lot. TCC supports posting a sign along Illiamna Street, directing users to the Lyn Ary Park parking lot. The parking lot should always be accessible year round during those hours that the park is open.
7. **ACCESS:** Lyn Ary Park has poor vehicular and pedestrian designated access. The result is safety hazards, foliage degradation, and trespass. TCC supports designating specific vehicular and pedestrian entrances to the park with appropriate and aesthetically pleasing landscape. TCC also supports modifying pedestrian entrances for handicap access.
8. **MAINTENANCE:** Lyn Ary is an important neighborhood park given its access to the Coastal Trail and ability to host open space and little league activities. Therefore, TCC believes that the MOA has an obligation to support and maintain the park. Maintenance includes:
 - a. Regular and scheduled garbage removal
 - b. Regular and scheduled mowing
 - c. Regular and scheduled maintenance of tennis courts, including tree trimming and root removal too close to courts
 - d. Regular cleaning of porta potties
 - e. Removal of dead, diseased trees
 - f. Sustaining existing tree and shrub ecosystems
 - g. Repair of existing playground equipment
9. **SIGNAGE:** TCC supports minimal signage to maintain the neighborhood character of the park. Unofficial signs should not be permitted.
10. **SAFETY:** Illegal, after hour, and unsafe activities have occurred at Lyn Ary Park. Illegal activities include speeding, vandalism, drugs, fires, and general disturbances. TCC supports that the MOA provide frequent police patrols both within and around the park, particularly in spring and fall when the level of illegal activity increases.

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11. RID IMPACTS: TCC is concerned for safety of park users during the 2008-2009 RID construction west of Lyn Ary Park. The project will significantly increase traffic in close proximity to pedestrian entrances to the park. TCC recommends MOA oversight, including adequate signage and patrolling during construction to protect the park, its users, and the neighborhood.

TCC is adamant that the final design of the Foraker intersection, Lyn Ary Park parking lot, and expansion of Marston Street are safe and enhance natural boundaries and landscaping. Because of the potential impact the RID could have on the park and park users, including loss of parking spots, usable park land, and pedestrian access, TCC requests that the RID project engineer consult with, consider, and incorporate suggestions from the Lyn Ary Park Subcommittee on how to best design those portions of the RID that will affect Lyn Ary Park.

To the extent that new hard surfaces are created by extension of Foraker, the turn onto Marston, and expansion of the parking lot, TCC strongly opposes using these spaces for snow storage, which is unsafe, filthy, and limits use of the park.

12. STORAGE BUILDINGS: Lyn Ary Park is a small park. Temporary storage facilities should not be encouraged. TCC strongly recommends that the MOA reassume maintenance and storage responsibilities offsite.

13. PARK FOUNDATION FUNDS: The TCC recommends that Park Foundation funds be leveraged for matching funds, and be used to develop a Master Plan for Lyn Ary Park that includes landscaped entrances, recognition of the park's historical significance, and upgrade of playground equipment.

14. RETAINING RESOLUTION: TCC adopted the foregoing resolution on **December, 6, 2007** at a regularly noticed Turnagain Community Council Meeting. The TCC asks that the MOA keep this resolution on file and, until it is superseded by a more recent resolution, refer to it as a guide when issues regarding Lyn Ary Park arise. If issues not covered in this resolution arise, the TCC requests that the MOA notify the TCC so that it may provide input on any decisions that will affect Lyn Ary Park.