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TO: Park and Recreation Commission
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SUBJECT: Section 36 Project Update

Parks & Recreation is working on a Park Master Plan to guide development of Section 36 in a manner that is sensitive to its hillside location, valuable natural resources, scenic vistas, and potential for outdoor education and trail-oriented recreation. The Master Plan will document how Section 36 fits into the regional recreation resources and will evaluate the potential for connecting this park to other southeast recreation facilities and to Chugach State Park. Special attention will be given to viewsheds and other features that define the area's character, and to possible connections to other recreation trails and greenbelts. The designs will be sensitive to the area's natural resources, taking advantage of areas that are more suited to development for parking areas and any other intense facilities, citing trails for various levels of recreation challenges, and opportunities for using more sensitive areas, such as the wetlands, for natural resource education areas.

The Park Master Plan document is expected to include:

- Overview of Section 36, including the park's context within Anchorage,
- Inventory of the natural and scenic resources within Section 36,
- Preferred conceptual site plan for Section 36,
- Potential phasing for construction of park improvements,
- Estimated costs for each phase of park development,
- Funding sources for park development, and
- Action plan for implementing the first phase of development, including funding strategies for construction and maintenance.

Project Progress to Date

- Site Inventory Memo: This documents existing site conditions and characteristics as well as the site's history.
- Two Citizens Advisory Committee meetings have been accomplished, including a group site walk.
- Stakeholder and content expert presentations to the CAC have been scheduled including AK State Parks, ADF&G, Outdoor Education Specialists and other neighboring agencies and park user groups.

Information will be publicly available throughout the master plan process on the project website located at: <http://www.muni.org/parks/Section36MPHome.cfm>

General Project Schedule

Spring 2009	Develop Conceptual Site Plans
Summer/Fall 2009	Public Review of Conceptual Site Plans
Winter 2009	Public Review of Master Plan
Winter2010	Final Master Plan Completed