

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UACC) RESOLUTION 2015-04
A Resolution of UACC Concerning a Proposed Tennis Facility

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Charter Art, VIII, Sec 8.01 established Community Councils as neighborhood representatives for planning and development;

WHEREAS, Les Sheppard, former Alaska real estate developer, proposes that a multiple acre parcel of Anchorage Municipal land (designated as PLI) located immediately north of Northern Lights Blvd. between Career Center Drive and the footbridge over Northern Lights Blvd. at Goose Lake be designated for use as a tennis club facility;

WHEREAS, Les Sheppard indicated in a graphic handout (attached) that the tennis club facility would contain a large building containing nine indoor and eight outdoor tennis courts, paved driveways, parking lots and vehicle and bus turnaround areas;

WHEREAS, the tennis club could only be entered and exited via the westbound lane of Northern Lights Blvd;

WHEREAS, Les Sheppard indicated that once the land was dedicated for tennis, he would create a foundation to raise money to build the tennis club facility and users would be obliged to join and pay fees to play tennis;

WHEREAS, Les Sheppard indicated that he would like the UACC to prepare a statement to the Municipality of Anchorage in support of such designation while any discussion about terms of use, including whether the outdoor courts could be made available to the public without charge, should await completion of such designation;

WHEREAS, the parcel is wooded and serves as a drainage area to the Middle Fork and South Fork of Chester Creek, a habitat for a variety of wildlife and trail area for hiking and wildlife observation;

NOW THEREFORE, the UACC hereby resolves to **oppose** the designation of the specific parcel for tennis because such designation would in effect eliminate the free use of the parcel by the public in favor of exclusive use by paying tennis club members.

Resolution Vote: For 17 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

This resolution was approved by the University Area Community Council this day of April 1, 2015.


Albert K Milspaugh, Vice President, UACC