

***Birchwood Community Council***

**19213 Spruce Crest Drive**

**Chugiak, Alaska 99567**

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Assemblyperson Debbie Ossiander  
David Baldwin, Chugiak Council  
John Rodda, Parks & Recreation  
Tammy Oswald, Heritage Land Bank  
Honorable Mayor Dan Sullivan  
Bill Tucker & Associates

WHEREAS:

1. Wallace Brothers Mountain Subdivision and Swiss Alps Subdivision, in Section 32, T15N, R 1W, SM, (the properties) are inholdings within the Chugach State Park, which are capable of providing excellent access opportunities to the State Park system, and are suitable for a wide range of recreational activities;
2. While the properties are presently subdivided for residential use with approved private roads restricting public access; it is the opinion of the Birchwood Community Council that the highest and best use of the properties is to be retained as park lands for the use of the community and its posterity, and not restricted from public use by private development;
3. The Municipality of Anchorage has the capability of acquiring the properties through its capital improvement projects program as a benefit to the Anchorage community;
4. The Municipality of Anchorage presently has in place a working agreement (memorandum of understanding) with Chugach State Park by which the State Park develops, operates and maintains certain Municipal property as a part of the State Park, and;

5. The properties are appropriately developed, maintained and operated by the Chugach State Park administration.

**THEREFORE;**

The Birchwood Community Council hereby *RESOLVES* to recommend acquisition of the properties as park lands by the Municipality of Anchorage through its capital improvements program, contingent upon development of an appropriate Memorandum of Understanding between the Municipality of Anchorage and the Chugach State Park providing for development, maintenance and operation of the properties by Chugach State Park for the benefit of our community and the State of Alaska, as the highest and best use of these properties.

Bobbi Wells, Chair  
Jill Flanders-Crosby, Vice Chair  
Gail Davidson-McCain, Secty  
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