

MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE
ASSEMBLY INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

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Meeting Date: May 11, 2010

1 **To: THE HONORABLE DAN SULLIVAN**
2 **ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY**

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4 **From: ANCHORAGE PARK FOUNDATION**

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6 **Subject: Bi-annual Anchorage Park Foundation Board Report on Park Investments**
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8 In 2004, community members and leaders from the Municipality of Anchorage worked
9 together to found the Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) to make it possible for
10 individuals to contribute funds, materials and volunteer resources to improve our aging
11 park system. The APF board seeks to generate support for parks and recreation, keeping
12 our parks *Clean & Green, Safe & Secure*.

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14 Since our last report to the Assembly in May 2009, the APF now employs two staff
15 members directly and works hard in partnership with Municipal staff to raise funds, build
16 community support and administer park improvement projects and programs. The APF
17 board appreciates the continuing support of the Anchorage Assembly and the Municipality
18 of Anchorage staff as we seek supplemental resources for our parks, trails and recreation
19 programs.

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21 APF work has resulted in private, federal, and state investments, and a tremendous amount
22 of volunteer support that has a cash value. Since its inception, the APF has raised more
23 than **\$14 million** for Anchorage parks. Specifically, the APF board has:

- 24 • Raised \$6,336,336 in private dollars or state/federal grant funding;
- 25 • Leveraged well over \$4,242,552 in volunteer time and materials;
- 26 • Spent \$5,428,285 in cash for park improvements;
- 27 • Secured an additional \$1,468,417 in Rasmuson Foundation challenge grants
28 (pledged funding if we meet their specified challenges);
- 29 • Secured an additional \$1,524,975 in State Legislative funding for reimbursement;
- 30 • And secured an additional \$540,065 in Federal funding for reimbursement.

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32 Furthermore, the APF is the recipient of more than \$1.1 million in pending grants in the
33 2010-2011 state capital budget.

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35 The Anchorage Park Foundation is bridging a gap in government capabilities by providing
36 a vehicle for private funding of the Anchorage park system, with particular focus on
37 enhancing and taking better care of our neighborhood parks. In the fall of 2008, 1000

1 volunteers completed the Anchorage Parks Report Card project, assessing the condition of
2 53 neighborhood parks throughout Anchorage. The APF and the Parks & Recreation
3 Department are working together to implement the fix-it lists in neighborhood parks
4 throughout Anchorage, beginning in 2009 with 14 neighborhood park fix-its. The APF
5 and Parks & Recreation Department will work together to accomplish the fix-its in 8 more
6 parks this summer. The Assembly is warmly invited to join the APF, the Parks &
7 Recreation Department and your constituents to complete the renovations of parks near
8 you:

9 Al Miller Park: Saturday, May 22, 9 am – 2 pm

10 Woodland Park: Saturday, June 12, 9 am – 2 pm

11 Ira Walker Park: Saturday, June 19, 9 am – 2 pm

12 Minnesota Park: Saturday, June 26, 9 am – 2 pm

13 Creekside Park: Saturday, July 10, 9 am – 2 pm

14 Cheney Lake Park: Saturday, July 17, 9 am – 2 pm

15 Williwaw Park: Saturday, July 24, 9 am – 2 pm

16 William B. Lyons Park: Saturday, August 5, 9 am – 2 pm

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18 Furthermore, the APF is currently accepting applications for 2010 Challenge Grants. With
19 generous support from the Rasmuson Foundation, the APF is proud to invite community
20 groups, park neighbors, recreation organization and parks volunteers to apply for up to
21 \$40,000 in cash to complete volunteer projects focused on improving city parks and trails.
22 To access an APF challenge grant, each grantee must match APF cash contributions with
23 labor, materials, or funds raised for the projects. The 2010 Challenge Grant Campaign
24 marks the APF's third cycle of working with the Anchorage community through funding
25 challenges to revitalize parks.

26 The Anchorage Park Foundation is also working with the Parks & Recreation Department
27 and hundreds of community partners to operate the summer 2010 Youth Employment in
28 Parks program. This year YEP will employ 30 teens and 7 adults to complete park
29 improvement projects (detailed below) and offer free recreation programs in Mountain
30 View. The APF appreciates the Municipality and Assembly's commitment to this
31 program.

32 In addition to Neighborhood Park Fix-It projects, the APF is working on the following
33 park improvements and YEP projects this summer:

- 34 • Anchorage Senior Center Trail: Creating trail connection to Chester Creek
35 Greenbelt (State Grant)
- 36 • Westchester Lagoon Raingarden Construction (Fish & Wildlife Service funding)
- 37 • University Lake Streambank Restoration & Trail Improvements (Fish & Wildlife
38 Service funding)
- 39 • Far North Bicentennial Park Forestry Work (Forest Service funding)
- 40 • Balto Seppala Park: Completing boardwalk connection (State Grant)
- 41 • Fish Creek Trail: Adding interpretive signage (2006 State Grant)
- 42 • Ship Creek Streambank Restoration & Fencing (Alaska Railroad and Fish &
43 Wildlife Service funding)
- 44 • Tanglewood Park: Completing boardwalk (2008 Challenge Grant)
- 45 • Spenard Recreation Center Improvements (2008 State Grant)

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47 To highlight the added value the municipality receives from this nonprofit venture, the
48 board hereby submits this bi-annual report on the cumulative financial investments in
49 Anchorage Parks and Recreation Programs. The board believes strongly that these
50 investments are significant in monetary and social value, and improve municipal assets.

1 The board acknowledges the Anchorage Assembly as the elected body charged with
2 maintaining these beloved public lands, and looks forward to using this bi-annual report as
3 a means to communicate its contributions to the Municipality of Anchorage.

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5 For more information on Anchorage Park Foundation initiatives see
6 www.AnchorageParkFoundation.org or call Beth Nordlund at 274-1004.

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9 Respectfully submitted: Stewart Osgood, APF Board Member

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11 Attachment: Total Investments Summary Report

Anchorage Park Foundation Total Investments Summary Report

	Total APF Investments	Total In-Kind Community Investment	TOTAL Investments
2010 Weeds Warriors	200	0	200
Parks for All	53	0	53
Weeds Warrior Supplemental Fund	47	0	47
Lyn Ary Park Supplemental Funds	4,498	0	4,498
Department of Labor YEP 09-10	52,255	0	52,255
2010 Challenge Grants	3,500	0	3,500
2006 Challenge Grant			
Abbott Loop Park (CG)	35,000	425,522	460,522
ARBRA Cleanups	20,000	32,753	52,753
Bancroft Park	7,854	9,350	17,204
Bartlett Pool	3,500	10,593	14,093
Brown's Point Park	2,056	5,525	7,581
Campbell Creek Trail	2,039	2,945	4,984
Area of Need Campbell Pk Match	20,000	0	20,000
Centennial Rose Garden	5,000	41,981	46,981
Didlika Park	10,212	13,295	23,507
Facilitation	2,625	2,500	5,125
Fairbanks Park	34,403	19,000	53,403
Far North Bicentennial Park	18,000	34,535	52,535
Girdwood Playground	25,000	160,000	185,000
Jacobson Park Trail	8,000	2,222	10,222
Mountain View Gathering Place	5,995	0	5,995
Mountainview Baseball	20,000	10,000	30,000
Outreach	10,135	0	10,135
Paddleboat Cafe	10,000	4,300	14,300
Peratrovich Park	76,229	133,575	209,804
Quiyana Park	19,000	47,178	66,178
Rabbit Creek Trail	1,193	9,856	11,049
Richter Trail	5,287	33,359	38,646
Sand Lake Dock	5,000	12,798	17,798
Spenard Rec Center	450	0	450
Tree & Shrub Plantings	15,000	37,010	52,010
United Way	31,000	49,000	80,000
University Lake	40,355	0	40,355
Williwaw Park (CG)	40,050	105,102	145,152
Total 2006 Challenge Grant	473,382	1,202,399	1,675,781
2008 Challenge Grants			
Art in the Parks	15,000	443,802	458,802
Baxter Bog Park	26,672	751	27,422
Bear Valley Park	9,911	19,850	29,761
Ben Crawford Park	2,241	5,778	8,019
Delaney Park Tennis	5,248	6,330	11,579
FNBP Bridge	0	2,694	2,694
Girdwood Skate Park	30,004	81,963	111,967
Jodhpur Park	12,840	29,709	42,549
Kincaid Park Reflection	35,003	88,771	123,774
Nichols Park	10,474	15,744	26,219
Prevent the Poop	675	0	675
Singletrack	7,500	256,856	264,356

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Tanglewood park	27,500	38,331	65,831
Tikishla Park - Rink	50,325	196,095	246,420
Trails Signs	-5,660	6,230	570
Whisper Faith Kovach	4,775	6,580	11,355
2008 Challenge Grants - Other	6,971	0	6,971
Total 2008 Challenge Grants	239,480	1,199,483	1,438,963
Abbot Loop Park	250,000	0	250,000
Championship Soccer	2,000,000	916,686	2,916,686
Clean & Green	549,139	564,015	1,113,154
Coffey Park	930	0	930
Cuddy Family Midtown Park	523,288	0	523,288
DOGS	8,849	0	8,849
First Tee	116	0	116
General	258,816	1,478	326,244
Get Outdoors	2,691	0	2,691
Honoring Funds	4,778	0	4,778
Horticulture	7,488	0	7,488
Total Memorial Funds	89,806	0	89,806
MLK Day - 50 Bikes/50 Kids	56,218	141,102	197,320
MV Report Card, Weed & Seed	5,000	2,536	7,536
Neighborhood Soccer	38,951	2,965	41,916
Pop Carr Park	40,000	0	40,000
Ship Creek Fishing Access	29,430	0	29,430
Simonian Little League	100,000	0	100,000
Skate Park YES	5,224	3,804	9,028
State Legislative Grants			
06 Legis Chester Creek Complex	61,848	0	61,848
06 Legis Fish Creek Trail	26,340	0	26,340
06 Legis Lyn Ary Park	20,194	0	20,194
06 Legis Grant-Steele/Seppala	19,874	0	19,874
08 Legis Deferred Maintenance	226,079	0	226,079
08 Legis Lloyd Steele	67,633	0	67,633
08 Legis Foraker & Marston Rd.	85,000	0	85,000
08 Legis Spenard Rec Ctr Gate	10,002	0	10,002
Total State Legislative Grants	511,970	0	511,970
Total Trail Maintenance	35,930	0	35,930
Trails Map (Purchase)	37,015	0	37,015
Trail Watch	15	0	15
Tuesday Night Races	3,719	0	3,719
Urban Wildlife	20,000	0	20,000
USFS			
USFS 2009 Forest Health Grant	88,500	88,351	176,851
USFS Muldoon Park Forest Health	25,183	27,550	52,733
USFS European Birdcherry	24,350	0	24,350

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USFS Invasive Plant Trials	35,003	0	35,003
Total USFS	173,036	115,901	288,937
USFWS			
2010 Ship Creek	50	0	50
USFWS 2009 Girdwood Weeds	18,210	4,227	22,438
USFWS 2009 Weeds Coordinator	29,060	2,067	31,127
USFWS 2008 Weeds Warriors	32,700	35,697	68,397
USFWS 2009 Weeds Warriors	22,976	5,184	28,160
USFWS 2009 Ship Creek Restore	92,658	0	92,658
USFWS 2009 YEP Lynwood Park	201,692	0	201,692
USFWS Anchorage is for Birds	0	2,300	2,300
USFWS Muldoon-Chester Creek	26,086	26,020	52,106
USFWS YEP Watershed Work 200	25,000	0	25,000
USFWS 2006-2007 Weed Warriors	35,000	5,494	40,494
USFWS Girdwood Weeds	10,000	4,390	14,390
USFWS European Birdcherry	4,993	0	4,993
Total USFWS	498,425	85,379	583,803
Veterans Memorial	68	0	68
YEP			
2009 Salmon in the City Funds	23,599	0	23,599
2009 GLT Trail Project	15,450	0	15,450
2009 Salmon & the City	7,670	0	7,670
YEP - Other	147,693	7,258	154,951
Total YEP	194,412	7,258	201,670
TOTAL	6,205,276	4,243,006	10,514,232