

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)

Grant Recipient: Anchorage Parks Foundation

Project Title:

Anchorage Park Foundation - Foraker/Marston Road Improvement District Trail And Ball Field Realignment

State Funding Requested: \$ 85,000

House District: 26 - M

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Current funding for the Foraker/Marston Road Improvement District (RID) does not include money to mitigate the negative impact on adjacent Lyn Ary Park ball fields. This project would put at ease community concerns about safety in the park and access to park resources by funding non-Right of Way components of a revised RID.

Funding Plan:

Total Cost of Project: \$96,000

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Other			\$15,000			
Total			\$15,000			

Explanation of Other Funds:

There will be fund raising for private contributions to assist with the project.

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This a safety priority. The current work plan for the Foraker/Marston Road Improvement District will facilitate property development in the Turnagain area. This plan, however, will have a negative impact on the Lyn Ary Park ball fields as the improved road will cut into the park. These fields are used by the Anchorage West Little League. Additionally, the new road will include a sharp turn very close to one of the fields posing a safety hazard. Community members have voiced serious concerns about the safety of their children in the park as well as reduced access to important community resources (the park's fields) yet funding for the current plan does not include money to mitigate these concerns.

This funding request is for work identified by the community as the optimum resolution of conflicts related to the Marston/Foraker RID and its impacts on improvements to Lyn Ary Park. The RID is scheduled for bidding in spring of 2008 with construction to commence in the summer of 2008. Solutions identified and budgeted in the RID continued to receive criticism and opposition from the community. A January 2008 solution identified by the community led to coordinated project modifications but the RID does not fund the non-Right of Way components.

The base scope of work for this project includes: relocate two each Little League baseball infields and one each T-Ball infield to new locations at SE, NW and SW areas of the field area; resod at the removed infield at the NE corner; remove and relocate to new field at SE corner two each dugout units and chain link backstop and add approximately 110LF of new

4'height chain link fence to enclose the field at the NE corner.

Project Timeline:

The project will begin as soon as funds are secured. The project will take approximately two weeks to complete.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Anchorage Parks Foundation

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? Yes No

**Foraker/Marston Road Improvement District (RID)
Trail and Ball field realignment**

**Project Estimate
For work NOT included in RID**

Introduction

The following scope of work and estimate is for work identified by the community as the optimum resolution of conflicts related to the Marston/Foraker RID and its impacts on improvements to Lyn Ary Park. The RID is scheduled for bidding in spring of 2008 with construction to commence in the summer of 2008. Solutions identified and budgeted in the RID continued to receive criticism and opposition from the community. A January 2008 solution identified by the community (see attached AWLL and TCC Resolutions) was identified as the optimum solution. The RID project has been modified to coordinate with this solution but does not fund the non-Right of Way components.

Base Scope of Work: Relocate 2 each Little League baseball infields and 1 each T-Ball infield to new locations at SE, NW and SW areas of the field area. Resod at the removed infield at the NE corner. Remove and relocate to new field at SE corner 2 each dugout units and chainlink backstop and add approximately 110 LF of new 4' ht. Chainlink fence to enclose field at NE corner.

Work Plan: Remodel and costing is based on salvaging existing materials such as sod turf (assumes it is salvageable), existing special infield soils (*does not include buying or adding any new), excavating at new baseline locations and using this excess for backfill at NE corner for laying new sod, importing 100 YD3 new topsoil for levelling course at relayment areas of reconfigured sod and for regrading new diamond, re-using all dugout units and backstop, and "fussing" with existing irrigation system to reconfigure heads if needed (does not include any significant line extensions or new heads). Estimate that it could be a 2 week (14 day effort) for 5-6 people, with trucks and mini-excavator, sod cutter etc:
Also estimate possible export of 100 yd3 and disposal off-site of unuseable ex because of nature of finish work with sod.

Standards Used: Layout fields to Little League regulations and standards, ie: 50' and 40' radius from pitchers mound for infield cut out, 40' from plate to mound, homeplate radius 10', baselines at 60' for Little League, and 1% grading from pitchers mound in all directions/8" lift at mound. Using this criteria will necessitate removing all sod in all new diamond areas and completing the grading to 1% and relaying sod to the new layout, instead of cutting and patching. Layout assistance required from Little League for layout to their satisfaction.

Budget Cost Estimate:

Cut sod all areas approx. 11,000 SF, Excavate new infields for special baseline soils 600 yd3, Relocate useable soils 450yd3, re-grade to 1% and topsoil for NE field re-sodding, Re-lay salvaged sod. Place salvage infield soils. Load and haul unuseable ex. **Budget Figure....55-60K**

Move 2 dugouts and reinstall at SE corner, move backstop to SE corner, add 110 LF new 4' ht chainlink fence at NE corner. **Budget Figure..... 12-13 K**

"Fuss" with Existing Irrigation and to adjust to new layouts,
(No new materials)**Budget Figure... 3-5K**

Approximately 60 lf of new trail 10 feet wide adjacent to and coordinated with RID ROW work.
Budget Figure10K

Excludes: SWPPP, Davis/Bacon, Traffic Control, security fencing, design and permitting, inspections and special insurance requirements, survey either vertical or horizontal, Maintenance, No contract with city agency included

Add for exclusions8k

Total estimate/budget96k

\$85000 State
15000 Private contribution

TURNAGAIN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 2008-01

WHEREAS a Road Improvement District is proposed to the west of Lyn Ary Park, which is identified as the Marston Drive/Foraker Drive RID/WID/LID, Project No. 04-12, VEI No. 0503, VEI Employer ID No. 92-0081491, referred to herein as the ("RID");

WHEREAS the RID requires that existing improvements within Lyn Ary park be reconfigured to accommodate the continued historic multiple uses of the park in a manner which is safe, and appropriate for continuing operations and maintenance;

WHEREAS previous options presented by the RID (options 1 and 2) do not adequately address the concerns of the community;

WHEREAS significant public process has taken place between the communities park user groups and various municipal departments in identifying an alternative that meets the concerns raised by the community;

WHEREAS one of those user groups, the Anchorage West Little League ("AWLL") has provided volunteer efforts to improve and maintain facilities within the park, which facilities are impacted by the proposed changes;

WHEREAS AWLL is supportive of the proposed changes so long as the changes are consistent with the attached AWLL Resolution 2008-01; and

WHEREAS the RID's consulting engineering firm has prepared a proposed Option 3 which incorporates the community comments and is achievable in a manner that is consistent with the AWLL resolution.

NOW THEREFORE The Turnagain Community Council supports the following;

1. Reconfiguring the trail to allow for a safer and more aesthetically pleasing trail as depicted by the attached "Option 3";
2. Reconfiguring the ball fields to accommodate the reconfigured trail;
3. Consolidating existing connex buildings on a single pad near parking; and
4. Preserving the Anchorage Park Foundation Grant funds for future park improvements unrelated to items 1, 2 and 3.

MaSCWiggins, APPROVED @ FEBRUARY 2008
President, Turnagain Community Council TCC MEETING

2-12-08
Date

Anchorage West Little League Resolution 2008-01

Whereas Anchorage West Little League (AWLL) is a recognized non-profit corporation which operates its little league activities in Anchorage, Alaska at Lyn Ary Park at Turnagain Parkway and Illiamna Avenue under permits granted by the Municipality of Anchorage.

Whereas AWLL is party to an agreement with the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department to maintain the ball fields within the park, wherein AWLL provides fertilizing, watering, weed control, mowing and other general maintenance of the baseball fields, and

Whereas AWLL has secured funding and invested considerable volunteer time for capital improvements to the ball fields in the park in recent years, and

Whereas the Municipality of Anchorage is soon to consider and likely to approve the construction of a new road immediately adjacent to the park at its southwestern corner, and

Whereas the proposed new road will have certain impacts on the park including the reconfiguration of the parking lot entrance, the parking lot layout and the paved trail within the park which is used for accessing the Tony Knowles Coastal Trail, and

Whereas there is concern in the community that the current proposed design of the road creates impacts to the park and trail which result in less than desirable configurations for the purposes of safety, maintenance and visual aesthetics, and

Whereas a reconfiguration of the baseball fields used by AWLL will meet community concerns by increasing the amount of land area available for trail, parking and buffer, and

Whereas the Board of Directors of AWLL has reviewed and considered the above mentioned details as conditions precedent to taking formal action on these matters.

Now therefore the Anchorage West Little League does hereby resolve to provide its notice of non-objection to such ball field reconfiguration subject to the following conditions relative to the reconfiguration, as well as other conditions relative to AWLL's ongoing activities;

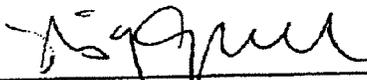
1. The reconfiguration work shall have no impact on AWLL during AWLL's typical playing season which occurs between May 1 and July 25, each year.
2. There shall be no cost and/or labor contributions required by of AWLL as part of the realignment of the baseball fields or to facilitate any of the work described below.
3. AWLL would retain (2) regulation major league fields, a t-ball/coach pitch field, and a practice area. The existing separate Minor League Field in the Park would not be affected. The configuration of these fields would be as follows;
 - a. Northeast Corner, 4' fence, no dug outs, no back stop fence, practice area only.
 - b. Northwest Corner, Major League Field with regulation back stop fence and dug outs and room for movable seating for spectators.
 - c. Southwest Corner, T-Ball/Coach Pitch Field with regulations back stop fence and dug outs and room for movable seating for spectators.
 - d. Southeast Corner, Major League Field with regulation back stop fence and dug outs and room for movable seating for spectators.

AWLL shall be permitted an opportunity to review and comment on the concept design layout of the fields and notes that the content of this resolution is subject to the final design layout being in conformance with the requirements specified above and any final plan to accomplish these changes will recognize and address AWLL comments regarding concept layout of the fields.

4. AWLL agrees to the relocation of the larger connex in the Park to a pad near the Lyn Ary parking lot, which would be completed at no cost to AWLL.
5. All backstops, dugouts, fencing, infields be moved and reconstructed to meet standards and specifications which are no less than the current facilities in size and total area available for the 2 major league baseball playing fields, 1 coach-pitch/t-ball field and separate practice area, and, to the greatest degree possible, shall meet the standards set by Little League International. All Infield dirt, including the home plate areas, base paths, and pitching mound, shall be mixed with a composite material such as "Play Ball" to enhance drainage. AWLL shall approve the amount of composite material used for this purpose. Existing dirt areas that will need to be replaced by grass shall be re-sodded if re-seeding is not sufficient to produce grass of a quality that is at least as good as existing grass on the playing fields.

6. The in-ground field irrigation system would remain fully functional and where necessary, will be redesigned and reconfigured to meet the new field layout, at no cost to AWLL and requiring no labor from AWLL members.
7. Any necessary permits or approvals for the above described reconfiguration would be completed by other individuals or groups including receipt of approvals of any community groups and or public bodies.
8. AWLL agrees that the existing dug outs may be redesigned utilizing a process of public input, but will also meet the requirements set by AWLL.
9. AWLL agrees to make AWLL members aware that, under existing restrictions imposed by the Municipality, Susitna View Court is not a legal public parking area., However, AWLL is not required to act as an enforcement authority should AWLL members park in this area.
10. AWLL agrees to limit any Little League signage to league related informational signage secured only to the connexes, and only during the May 1 to July 25 period, which is the little league baseball season. The total area covered by such signage shall not exceed 32 square feet. (4'x8')

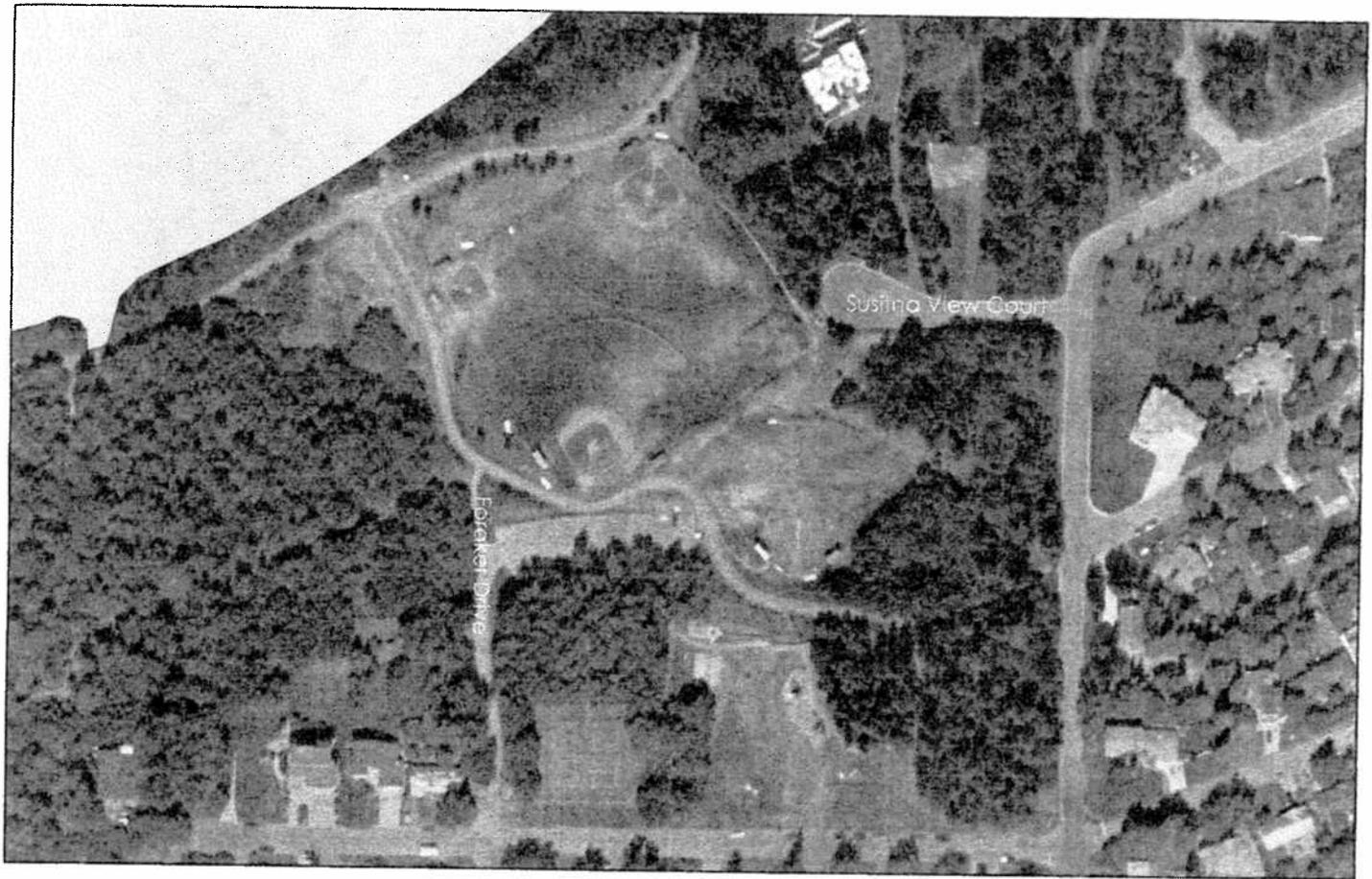
Approved this 30th day of January 2008 by a vote of the majority of the members of the AWLL Board of Directors.



Willis Lyford, AWLL President



Dave Scarborough, AWLL Secretary



Lyn Ary Park