



## CITY OF WASILLA

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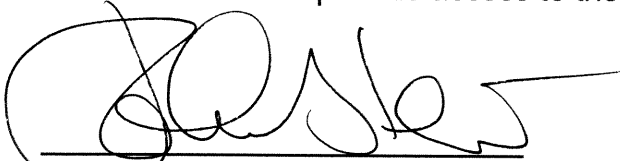
### COUNCIL MEMORANDUM NO. 96-82

From: Mayor Stein  
Date: August 20, 1996  
Subject: Authority to Negotiate Purchase  
Access to 120-Acre Recreation Complex

The Council-approved plan for development of the 120-acre ballfield and trail complex including the Bumpus softball fields provides for a new access from Melanie Avenue. The original proposal was to acquire an easement across a lot and construct a trail. Upon closer examination, the cost of a 20' easement (6,000 square feet @ \$ .25 = \$1,500) plus the cost of fencing (600' @ \$10.00/foot = \$6,000) closely approaches the cost of one of several available vacant lots in close proximity to the easement location. As an example, one lot is offered at \$9,500.

I propose that we purchase one of the available lots so that an access trail can be constructed near its center. Ample natural vegetation would act as buffers to the adjoining residential development instead of expensive fences.

I respectfully ask for Council approval to negotiate for purchase of a one-acre lot on Melanie Avenue to provide access to the 120-acre recreation area.

  
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John C. Stein, Mayor

**APPROVED**  
DATE: 8/26/96  
BY: [Signature]