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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

IM No. 04-13

TITLE: Recommendation From The Parks And Recreation Commission For The Acquisition Of Land Adjacent To The Bumpus Ball Fields.

Agenda of:
Originator:

Date: September 17, 2004

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| | Public Works Planning | |
| X | Finance *signature required | <i>[Signature]</i> 9/20/04 |
| X | Clerk | <i>K Smith</i> 9/20/04 |
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REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER: *Dianne M. Keller*

FISCAL IMPACT: yes\$ or no Funds Available yes no

Account name/number:

Attachments: Parks and Recreation Commission Resolution No. 04-03

SUMMARY STATEMENT: At the last several meetings of the Parks and Recreation Commission, there has been discussion of acquiring land for various park uses one of which would be for trails. With the local population growing at a high rate, available land will become increasingly difficult to acquire. The due diligence process should dictate that we are continually aware of lands that may be of value for recreational use. The Commission feels that any additional park land acquisitions is significantly important to the quality of life the public expects.

One of the duties of the Parks and Recreation Commission is to recommend to the council proposals for the general and specific development of parks and recreation facilities and programs. The Bumpus Recreational Area consists of several recreational venues, including softball, baseball, soccer, and a variety of trail uses. The attached resolution recommends the city consider the acquisition of any additional land adjacent to the Bumpus Recreational Area as budget parameters and constraints allow.

**CITY OF WASILLA
WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 04-03**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RECOMMENDING THE CITY ACQUIRE UNDEVELOPED LAND CONTIGUOUS TO THE
BUMPUS BALL FIELD COMPLEX.**

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Comprehensive Plan of 1996 recommended that acquiring and developing additional park land should be part of the City's parks program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wasilla is the fastest growing city in the State as reflected in the 7.6% increase in population between the 1990 and the 2000 Census; and

WHEREAS, the Bumpus Ball fields property, the largest public pristine forest within the city limits, provides opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, plant and wildlife observation, map orienteering, and cross-country skiing in addition to the ball field; and

WHEREAS, there still exists undeveloped land adjacent to the present 120 acre site of the Bumpus Ball field; and

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission believes that there is an opportunity to secure the quality of the recreational activities of the residents of the City of Wasilla at the Bumpus Ball field complex by increasing the size of the park.

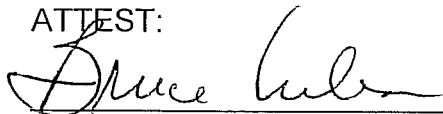
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission recommends to the Wasilla Planning Commission the expansion of the Bumpus Ball field park complex by acquiring undeveloped land contiguous to the existing Bumpus Ball field park.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission on August 11, 2004.



DAVE TUTTLE, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:



Bruce Urban
Recreation and Cultural Services Manager