

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

ASD MEMORANDUM #272 (98-99) April 21, 1999

TO: SCHOOL BOARD

FROM: OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED: TRANSFER MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITY OF EASTERN PORTION OF RUSSIAN JACK
ELEMENTARY SITE TO MOA PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION

RECOMMENDATION:

It is the Administration's recommendation that the School Board approve and authorize the Superintendent to coordinate with the MOA Parks and Beautification to transfer the management authority of the eastern portion of the Russian Jack site for an addition to the Russian Jack Springs Park.

PERTINENT FACTS:

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on March 16, 1999 to take action on the Replacement Russian Jack Elementary School site plan. The Commission approved the site plan with conditions, one of these being that:

1. Prior to the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy for the Russian Jack Elementary School:

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Anchorage School District and the Municipal Department of Cultural and Recreational Services shall be prepared that addresses the replat and transfer of management authority of the area on the Russian Jack Elementary School property to include the Russian Jack trail corridor, the trail buffer, and the wetlands area.

The District has had preliminary discussion with the MOA Parks and Beautification Department, Alaska Center for the Environment, Anchorage Trails and Greenways Coalition, Anchorage Citizens Coalition, and MOA Department of Community Planning and Development on this potential transfer.

This area for potential transfer consists of wetland, developed ski/bike trails and heavily forested areas. It would be difficult at best to further develop this area to support District needs. However, this area could be preserved as a green belt trail and wildlife corridor and habitat; and maintain the corridor between Russian Jack Springs Park and areas to the south of Northern Lights Boulevard.

The District would work with MOA Parks and Beautification to finalize the eastern boundary and area to be transferred to the MOA for management authority. Attachment A, site plan, shows approximate area to be transferred. The MOA has committed to pay for the transfer cost including the property replat.

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Attachment

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