

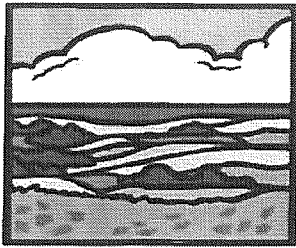
January 31, 2017

Hello Commissioners,

I received the attached Bayshore/Klatt Community Council resolution from The Boutet Company on January 31, 2017. I received it too late to include it in my staff report; thus, my report does not reflect this new information.

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Sharon Ferguson



**Bayshore/Klatt
Community
Council**

December 21, 2016

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To: Municipality of Anchorage
Urban Design Commission

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

From: Bayshore/Klatt Community Council

Re: UDC Resolution No. 2016-006
Berm Construction Along Klatt Road
Resolution of Support for Proposed Amendment

WHEREAS, Bayshore/Klatt Community Council has been a prominent voice in promoting development of South Anchorage Sports Park (SASP);

WHEREAS, Bayshore/Klatt worked closely with Parks and Recreation during SASP master-planning process;

WHEREAS, the SASP master planning process identified poor park safety and security as an ongoing problem and resolution of this problem as a priority objective in near-term park improvements;

WHEREAS, Anchorage Police Department recommends that sight-lines from perimeter streets into Anchorage parks be maintained to facilitate surveillance of parks by patrols;

WHEREAS, Bayshore/Klatt Community worked closely with its Juneau delegation to obtain a State grant to fund implementation of SASP Master Plan;

WHEREAS, after consultation with Bayshore/Klatt Community Council, Parks and Recreation developed plans for a screening berm along Klatt Road with a maximum height of three (3) feet above natural ground to maintain sight-lines into SASP and submitted these plans as part of Parks and Recreation's application to UDC for major site plan review;

WHEREAS, Bayshore/Klatt Community Council resolved on March 8, 2016 to support this berm height and other proposed SASP improvements.

WHEREAS, Urban Design Commission Resolution No. 2016-006, a resolution approving a major site plan review for South Anchorage Sports Park, was passed and approved by UDC on May 11, 2016 and the written decision/resolution was adopted on July 13, 2016;

WHEREAS, UDC's "finding of fact" number 4 in this resolution disregarded Bayshore/Klatt Community Council's stated preference and directed that the berm height be increased to six (6) feet;

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation has filed for an amendment of the approved site plan that would re-set the maximum berm height at three (3) feet.

WHEREAS, at the December 15th, 2016 Community Council meeting additional concerns that even the currently installed three (3) foot height is too tall to visually see over;

WHEREAS, subsequent discussion including adjacent property owners, it was determined that a no berm option with low landscaping is now the preferred choice;


WHEREAS, the no berm option was nominated and approved by vote to replace the previous approved three (3) foot height;

WHEREAS, changes to the Park lighting will minimize or eliminate any glare or stray light from crossing Klatt road into housing areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Bayshore/Klatt Community Council that:

1. Safety and security within SASP is of paramount concern;
2. APD's recommendation that sight-lines from perimeter roadways into parks be maintained is essential to SASP safety and security;
3. Development of a six (6) foot high berm will block sight-lines from Klatt Road into SASP and impair APD's efforts to surveil the park during patrols;
4. Development of a zero height berm will provide the required visual access and support increased APD surveillance;
5. The Council endorses Parks and Recreation's petition for this amendment to SASP approved site plan.

PASSED AND APPROVED by Bayshore/Klatt Community Council on the 15th day of December, 2016.



Bob Hoffman
President
Bayshore Klatt Community Council