

1                   **UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UACC)**  
2                   **RESOLUTION 2022-003**

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4                   **SUPPORT FOR RUSSIAN JACK MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS**

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6   **WHEREAS** the Anchorage Municipal Charter Part, VIII, Sec 8.01 establishes  
7 Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods in planning and  
8 development; **and**

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10 **WHEREAS** Community Councils are intended to reflect actual neighborhoods and  
11 provide guidance advice on management of lands within their boundaries; **and**

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13 **WHEREAS** Russian Jack Springs Park (RJSP) is centrally located, shared and enjoyed  
14 by all east Anchorage neighborhoods, and is one of Anchorage’s oldest and most popular  
15 parks; **and**

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17 **WHEREAS** the recently updated (2022) Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan  
18 designated approximately 45 acres of hilly terrain, on the northern side of the park, for  
19 the development of mountain bike trails; **and**

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21 **WHEREAS** the project helps activate the northern half of RJSP and brings accessible  
22 mountain biking trails to a significant number of residents and youth; **and**

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24 **WHEREAS** the non-profit Alaska Trails is working with the Municipality of Anchorage  
25 to build beginner and intermediate level mountain biking trails to implement the updated  
26 RJSP Master Plan; **and**

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28 **WHEREAS** the funding for the project will be raised by Alaska Trails and will be  
29 constructed by Youth Employment in Parks and professional trail builders; **and**

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31 **WHEREAS** the project will utilize many existing trails, will avoid wetlands, use  
32 ADF&G recommendations on wildlife corridors, and will ensure safe trail crossings;  
33 **and**

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35 **WHEREAS** the specific project plan will be reviewed by the Parks and Rec  
36 Commission prior to construction.

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38 **NOW THEREFORE** the UACC hereby resolves:

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40 That the Russian Jack Mountain Bike Trail Project is consistent with the updated

41 Russian Jack Springs Park Master Plan and the UACC supports the advancement of the  
42 project for construction in 2023.

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44 **Resolution Vote:** For: 14                      Against: 0                      Abstain: 0

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46 This resolution was approved by the University Area Community Council this 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
47 December, 2022.

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Tyler Robinson, President, UACC