## AIRPORT HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2023-2

## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RUSSIAN JACK MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Russian Jack Mountain Bike Trails project seeks to bring beginner and intermediate level mountain biking to one of East Anchorage's most centralized parks. The updated, 2022 Russian Jack Springs Park Master plan has designated approximately 45 acres of hilly terrain, on the northern side of the park, for the development of mountain bike trails;

WHEREAS, Alaska Trails has received an Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant for the project and is applying for a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant to fund the project;

WHEREAS, the proposed trails will provide a local, safe place for mountain bike riding on the eastside and will give the community and its residents a fun, healthy and accessible place to develop biking skills and a healthy lifestyle;

WHEREAS, schools within close proximity to Russian Jack Springs Park that could take advantage of the new trails include: East High School, Winterberry Charter, Russian Jack Elementary, Nunaka Valley Elementary, Wonder Park Elementary, Williwaw Elementary, STREAM Academy, Highland Tech, Whaley School and the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School;

WHEREAS, Airport Heights Community Council is a community in this area and looks forward to our families and neighbors having access to this recreational opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Airport Heights Community Council supports the Russian Jack Mountain Bike Trails project and its efforts to seek funding for construction of the trails.

THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED by the Airport Heights Community Council on January 19, 2023 by a vote of: FOR 17, AGAINST 0, ABSTAIN 0.

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