

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 08-21**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL LOCATED AT THE BUMPUS RECREATION AREA, THE MAUREEN McCOMBS EQUESTRIAN TRAIL.

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission and the Wasilla Planning Commission adopted Resolutions recommending the name of the Equestrian Trail at the Bumpus Recreation Area, the Maureen McCombs Equestrian Trail; and

WHEREAS, Maureen McCombs was a Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commissioner from 1996 through 2007; and

WHEREAS, Maureen has been a physical education teacher at Tanaina Elementary School for the last eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Maureen was awarded the 2007 ING Financial Services "Unsung Heroes Award" for her development of the "Kids Fitness" program that stresses the importance of physical fitness, particularly in light of the issues around childhood obesity; and

WHEREAS, Maureen has been very active in developing and improving trails in Wasilla and is a charter member of the Mat-Su Trails Council and has been a member of that group for many years, including serving as the treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Maureen was involved with development of the Gary Thurlow Bike Trail from Wasilla to Palmer and the Plumley Maud Trail in the Butte; and

WHEREAS, Maureen is an avid equestrian rider and was instrumental in developing the Equestrian Trail in the Bumpus Recreation Area; and


WHEREAS, Maureen has organized work parties each year to groom the trail and developed a brochure for visitors to the trail and has acquired donations from various sources for improvements to the trail; and

WHEREAS, Maureen has been involved in many community projects including the July 4th picnic and parade, annual Arbor Day Celebration, and citywide landscaping and park enhancements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission and the Wasilla Planning Commission to name the Equestrian Trail at the Bumpus Recreation Area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Wasilla City Council that the official name of the equestrian trail to be the *Maureen McCombs Equestrian Trail*.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on June 23, 2008.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

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**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

RE: Resolution Serial No. : 08-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE OFFICIAL NAME FOR THE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL AT THE BUMPUS RECREATION COMPLEX TO BE THE MAUREEN McCOMBS EQUESTRIAN TRAIL.

Agenda of: June 23, 2008

Date: June 10, 2008

Originator: Recreation & Cultural Services Manager

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police Chief Youth Court, Dispatch, Code Compliance	
X	Culture and Recreation Services Director Library, Museum, Sports Complex	<i>Duce</i> 6/11/08
X	Public Works & Recreation Facility Maintenance Director	
X	Chief Financial Officer Purchasing	<i>Ch. Daniels</i> 6-11-08
X	Deputy Administrator Planning, Economic Development, Human Resources	<i>Max J. Good</i>
X	City Clerk	<i>Fromm</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:

Dianne M. Keller 6/12/08

FISCAL IMPACT: yes or no

Funds Available yes no

Account name/number:

Attachments: Parks and Recreation Commission Resolution No. 08-02

Planning Commission Resolution No. 08-08

City of Wasilla Proclamation Honoring Maureen McCombs

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Attached is a proposed resolution naming the equestrian trail at the Bumpus Recreation Area. The Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission and the Wasilla Planning Commission at each of their recent meetings, adopted a resolution recommending the name of the equestrian trail at the Bumpus Recreation Area to be the Maureen McCombs Equestrian Trail.

Upon adoption of the resolution a sign will be constructed and placed at the equestrian trailhead indicating the new name of the trail.

**CITY OF WASILLA
WASILLA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NUMBER 08-02**

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR OFFICIALLY NAMING THE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL LOCATED AT THE BUMPUS RECREATION AREA, THE MAUREEN McCOMBS EQUESTRIAN TRAIL.

WHEREAS, Wasilla Municipal Code, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION, Section 2.64.010(B) states, "The purpose of the commission is to advise the city on matters pertaining to parks and recreation facilities"; and

WHEREAS, Maureen McCombs was a Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commissioner from 1996 through 2007; and

WHEREAS, Maureen has been very active in developing and improving trails in Wasilla and is a charter member of the Mat-Su Trails Council and has been a member of that group for many years, including serving as the treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Maureen was involved with development of the Gary Thurlow Bike Trail from Wasilla to Palmer, the Plumley Maud Trail in the Butte, and was also instrumental in developing the Equestrian Trail in the Bumpus Recreation Area in Wasilla; and

WHEREAS, Maureen has organized work parties each year to groom the trail and develop a brochure for visitors to the trail;

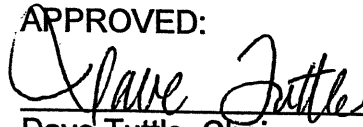
WHEREAS, Maureen has acquired donations from various sources to acquire donations for improvements to the trail; and

WHEREAS, Maureen has been involved in many projects including the community July 4th picnic and parade, annual Arbor Day Celebration, and landscaping and park enhancements

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission hereby recommends that the City Council officially name the Equestrian Trail at the Bumpus Recreation Area, the Maureen McCombs Equestrian Trail.

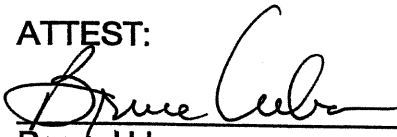
ADOPTED by the Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commission on April 9, 2008.

APPROVED:



Dave Tuttle, Chairman
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:



Bruce Urban
Recreation and Cultural Services Manager

**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 08- 08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF
OFFICIALLY NAMING THE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL LOCATED AT THE BUMPUS
RECREATION AREA, THE MAUREEN McCOMBS EQUESTRIAN TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Wasilla Planning Commission held a public meeting on May 27, 2008;
and

WHEREAS, Maureen McCombs was a Wasilla Parks and Recreation Commissioners
from 1996 through 2007; and

WHEREAS, Maureen has been very active in developing and improving trails in Wasilla
and is a charter member of the Mat-Su Trails Council and has been a member of that group for
many years, including serving as treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Maureen was involved with development of the Gary Thurlow Bike Trail
from Wasilla to Palmer, the Plumley Maud Trail in the Butte, and was also instrumental in
developing the equestrian Trail in the Bumpus Recreation Area in Wasilla; and

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develop a brochure for visitors to the trail;

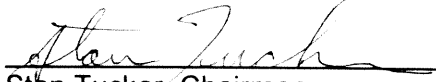
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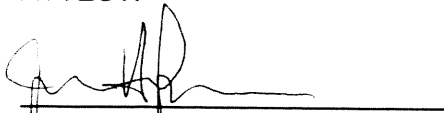
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla Planning Commission
applauds the work of Maureen McCombs and hereby recommends that the City Council
officially name the Equestrian Trail at the Bumpus Recreation Area, the Maureen McCombs
Equestrian Trail.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Planning Commission on May 27, 2008.

APPROVED:


Stan Tucker, Chairman

ATTEST:


Jim Holycross, City Planner

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**CITY OF WASILLA PROCLAMATION
HONORING MAUREEN McCOMBS**

WHEREAS, Maureen McCombs recently resigned from the Wasilla City Parks and Recreation Committee after serving from January 1996 through October 2007.

WHEREAS, it seems fitting to recognize Maureen McCombs for her exemplary dedication, not only on the Parks and Recreation Commission, but in other capacities that have benefited our community.

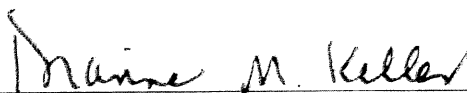
WHEREAS, while on the Parks and Rec Commission, Maureen was involved in many projects, including installing signs at our City parks, new playground equipment for Carter Park, planning the City picnic at 4th of July events, Parks and Rec Activities such as Music in the Park, Arbor Day Celebration, and landscaping and park enhancements, helping to write the City Parks Master Plan, and the re-write of the Parks rules and Regulations that are found in the Wasilla Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, Maureen McCombs has been the physical education teacher at Tanaina Elementary School for the past eighteen years. Maureen was awarded the 2007 ING Financial Services "Unsung Heroes Award" for her development of the "Kids Fitness" program to provide students with options of various activities during their open activity/play time. Four hundred and thirty two children from preschool through fifth grade enjoy physical activities in the school's gym. Maureen stresses the importance of physical fitness, particularly in light of the issues around childhood obesity. The project helps kids learn about keeping their bodies healthy, the importance of staying active, and that with a healthy body comes healthy living.

WHEREAS, Maureen has been very active in developing and improving trails in Wasilla. She is a charter member of the Mat-Su Trails Council and has been a member of that group for many years, including serving as the treasurer. She was involved with development of the Gary Thurlow Bike trail from Wasilla to Palmer, the Plumley/Maud Trail in the Butte, and was also instrumental in developing the Bumpus Equestrian Trail in Wasilla. She has organized trail work parties to groom the trail and developed a brochure for visitors to the trail. Maureen was able to acquire donations from the Alaska State Horse Shows group for improvements to the trail. She has also been working hard to acquire land next to the Bumpus recreation area for trails and expansion of the Bumpus complex. Maureen also worked with many National Winter Trail Day events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Dianne M. Keller, Mayor of Wasilla, and Wasilla City Council members do publicly recognize and extend our appreciation to Maureen McCombs for her accomplishments and contributions to our community.

DATED this 21st day of January, 2008.



Mayor Dianne M. Keller

