

By: Planning Department
Postponed Indefinitely: November 26, 2012
Vote: Buswell, Harris, Lovell, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall and Woodruff in favor to
postpone indefinitely.

**CITY OF WASILLA
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 12-36**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITY OF WASILLA CHESS CLUB.**

WHEREAS, the establishment of a chess club within the city will provide year round entertainment and competition opportunities for the City's youth and elderly chess players; and

WHEREAS, chess clubs and the associated chess competitions will attract attendees from the local area, other parts of the state, and even national and international locations; and

WHEREAS, chess clubs are currently located in other parts of Alaska, including Anchorage, Dillingham, Kenai, Bethel, and Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a city-sponsored chess club provides additional community activities, has a positive impact for all participants, and will increase the utilization of the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Complex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wasilla City Council supports the establishment of a City of Wasilla Chess Club and will identify ways to encourage and support the establishment of this activity.

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY by the Wasilla City Council on November 26, 2012.



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Resolution Serial No. 12-18: A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITY OF WASILLA CHESS CLUB.

Agenda of: November 26, 2012
Originator: Tina Crawford, City Planner

Date: November 6, 2012

Route to:	Department	Signature	Date
	Chief of Police		
X	Public Works Director		11/6/12
X	Rec & Cultural Services Director		11/4/2012
X	Finance Director		11-6-12
X	Interim Deputy Administrator		11/06/12
X	City Clerk		11/7/12

REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT:

FISCAL IMPACT: yes

The initial expenditure would be between \$500-800 for the chess tournament equipment. The equipment and the room rental costs at the Sports Complex for the four tournaments per year should be offset by the entrance fees.

Attachments: Resolution Serial No. 12-36 (1 page)
 Planning Commission Resolution Serial No. 12-16 (2 pages)
 Supplemental information regarding chess clubs (9 pages)

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

On September 11, 2012, the Wasilla Planning Commission adopted Resolution Serial No. 12-16 that recommended that the Wasilla City Council assist in establishing a chess club within the City of Wasilla. According to information provided by Commissioner Dan Kelly, chess clubs offer year-round activities for residents in the city and the surrounding areas and will even provide opportunities for Boy Scouts to earn a merit badge for chess play. Chess clubs, with adequate financial sponsorship, typically grow large over time and host state, national, and international competitions.

The expected cost to the City to establish a City chess club and purchase the necessary materials for chess competitions, not including the use of the Sports Complex for competitions, would be less than \$800. This includes all of the chess boards, clocks, and other miscellaneous supplies for a competition. It is anticipated that this initial cost would be recovered over time since each of the competitions require an entrance fee and a portion of that fee would be paid to the City. The cost of the rooms at the Sports Complex would range from \$30-60 per hour, depending upon the size of the tournament. Initially it is anticipated that the room rental cost per tournament would be approximately \$100 (1 room @ \$30/hour x 3 hours.) Local play would take place in local restaurants and other locations and would be set up and funded by the individual players.

Since the City would be the sponsor for the chess club, it would be responsible for the coordinating the tournaments. The Planning Commission felt that this could be an activity handled by the Parks and Recreation Commission and associated staff. Additional information regarding the benefits of having a City chess club and the overall costs, guidelines, and description of the activities is attached to this report.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution Serial No. 12-36.

By: Planning
Public Hearing: 09/11/12
Adopted: 09/11/12

**WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 12-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDING
THAT THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL IDENTIFY WAYS TO ENCOURAGE AND
ASSIST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CHESS CLUB WITHIN THE CITY OF
WASILLA.**

WHEREAS, the establishment of a chess club within the city will provide year round entertainment and competition opportunities for our youth and older chess players; and

WHEREAS, chess clubs and the associated chess competitions will attract in-state, out of state, and borough-wide tourism; and

WHEREAS, chess clubs are currently located in other parts of Alaska, including Anchorage, Dillingham, Kenai, Bethel, and Juneau; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission believes that the creation of a chess club within the City would provide an additional community activity, a positive impact for all participants, and the potential to increase utilization of the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Complex.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wasilla Planning Commission hereby requests that the Wasilla City Council take steps to identify ways to encourage and assist in the establishment of a chess club within the city limits.

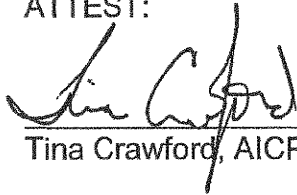
APPROVED by the Wasilla Planning Commission on September 11, 2012.

APPROVED:



A.C. Buswell, III, Chairman

ATTEST:



Tina Crawford, AICP, City Planner

VOTE: Passed Unanimously

Wasilla Chess Club

Chess is a gentleman's (or lady's) game; a lot like golf. Success is based on how well you play the game, rather than how poorly it is played by your challenger.

Rules of Conduct

- No age limit
- No swearing or obnoxious language (or talking during tournament games)
- No smoking or chewing tobacco
- No drugs allowed
- No drinking alcoholic beverages
- No inappropriate gestures

Show respect

- Take pride in your appearance
- Show respect for the facilities where games are played
- Show respect for all the equipment being used
- Talk kindly with all people at the game and event
- Obey all rules and official's instructions
- At the end of play, restore everything to its proper order
- At tournaments, we will try to have a judge at each table. Treat them with utmost respect. All moves will be under their watchful eye and judgments in accordance to the USA Chess Federation Rules.

Approximate Costs

- There is no charge for casual or rated games
- Try to bring a tablet and learn how to record your moves and the opponent's moves.
- At tournaments, there will be a small charge of \$3.00 to cover the costs of club materials. All materials will be provided except a scoring pad. This donation is for the cost replacement of all equipment. We will also try to have score pads and pencils for sale (price to be determined).
- There will be four tournaments a year which will be held at the Curtis D. Menard Memorial Sports Complex.
- Become a lifetime contributing member for \$20. No other club fees will required even at tournaments.
- If refreshments are provided, there is a small fee for each item and you will be responsible for cleaning up after yourself.
- If games are scheduled at certain places, like a restaurant, then you must pay for your food and beverage items, including appropriate gratuities.
- At tournaments, all game boards, clocks, and chessmen will be provided by the chess club.
- At casual games, you may bring your own boards, chessmen, and clocks.

Initial Equipment Costs

Chess boards, clocks, pads, pencils, rules, etc. will cost between \$495.40 to \$755.40, plus shipping. The difference in costs is based on the quality of the game boards needed with each set. This will cover the cost of 20 sets. The following is the cost of a chess set when purchasing 20 sets at USCF Sales:

• Analog Chess Clocks \$18.95 each	\$365.80
• Plastic Chessmen (3.75" King) per set \$4.49 each	\$ 89.80
• Vinyl Chess Boards at \$14.99 per set \$14.99 each (or vinyl chess boards with imperfections at \$1.99 each)	<u>\$299.80 (\$39.80*)</u>
	\$755.40 (\$495.40*)

Another option, which is the preferred option, would be to order tournament sets that cost \$279.95, plus shipping, and provide all equipment for 20 players. Two sets would be needed and would cost \$559.90, plus shipping. Extra score pads and pencils would increase the cost to no more than \$600.00.



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contact: Alaska WebChess Legion

***** VORTEKX Chess Club *****

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- Anchorage -

Every Saturday evening 7:00 until closing

VORTEKX Internet and Gaming Center

8225 Old Seward Hwy

contact: info@vortekx.com

***** Fairview Recreation Center Chess Club *****

Scholastic Chess Club



Every Saturday afternoon 1:00 - 4:00

1121 East 10th Ave (Corner of Karluk)

contact: Charles (907) 343-4130

***** UAA Chess Club *****

- Anchorage -

Every Wednesday and Sunday afternoon 1:00

University of Alaska Anchorage

Campus Center, Student Lounge

contact: UAA Chess Club

***** UAF Chess Club *****

Bring a chess set and play a game or two!

- Fairbanks -

Every Saturday afternoon 1:00 - 5:00

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Wood Center Snack Bar, upstairs

contact: Harry

***** Auke Bay Elementary School Chess Club *****

I am interested in developing the love of the game in my kids

- Juneau -

Every Thursday afternoon 3:30 - 5:00

Auke Bay Elementary School

contact: Ian Jones

***** Juneau Chess Club *****

Rules taught to those interested. Every one is welcome

- Juneau -

Every Tuesday evening 7:00 - 8:00

Downtown Public Library

contact: Brian (907) 790-1634 or brian_bezensk@hotmail.com

***** Mountain View Boys and Girls Chess Club *****

Scholastic Chess Club

- Anchorage -

Every Tuesday afternoon 2:00 - 4:00

315 North Price St

contact: Nick (907) 287-8400

***** Title Wave Chess Club *****

- Anchorage -

Every Friday evening 5:00 - 10:00

Title Wave Books

1380 West Northern Lights Blvd

***** Anchorage Chess Club *****

- Anchorage -

Every Thursday evening 5:00 - 10:00

Games & Notices Booksellers

260 East Northern Lights Blvd

***** Kenai - Soldotna Chess Club *****

The Kenai Kings

- Soldotna -

Every Saturday afternoon 12:30

Kahali Brothers Coffee, (907) 262-5990

315 South Kobuk St

contact: George Lombardi or Joseph Fucos

***** Bethel Chess Club *****

- Bethel -

Every Saturday afternoon 12:00 - 5:00

Kuskokwim Consortium Library

Tuesday and Thursday evenings 6:00 - 8:00

The Youth Recreation Center

contact: DeJd Kirby (907) 543-4255 or Glen (907) 543-7385

***** Sitka Chess Club *****

- Sitka -

Every Wednesday afternoon

3:30 to 5:00

Blatchley Middle School

2:30 to 3:45

Keet Gooshi Heen Elementary School

contact: Alexander Allison or (907) 988-1428

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The Open File

by Life Master Mike Petersen (Zug)

Forming a Chess Club

Chess.com is a very enjoyable place to spend some of your chess time. I say "some" because most of us also participate in over-the-board tournaments or attend a local chess club. But what if there isn't a chess club in your area? In that case, it's possible that Chess.com and other sites like it are your only outlets. And, since it's rare that chess organizers will hold tournaments in areas without chess clubs, that avenue isn't normally available, either. Well, perhaps reading this will help change that. I am going to give you a "capsule lesson" in how to form a chess club.

I'm sure you've heard the old saying about how ten percent of the people do ninety percent of the work. Well, it's wrong. If you take it upon yourself to form a chess club, you're going to be doing *all* the work, at least initially. If you understand and accept that going in, you already have half the problem licked. Okay, are you ready? Then here we go:

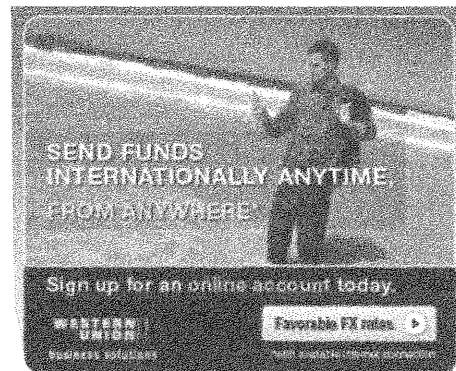
1. Make up flyers of some kind and post them around town in places like the library, the YMCA and YWCA, and especially at schools.
2. Call the local TV and radio stations and find out how to get them to do a public service notice.
3. Call the newspaper and find out how to get them to post a notice. Oh, and don't forget the websites of all the above. Post there, too.

By the way, these postings are for a *meeting only* for those interested in forming a chess club.

4. See if the local library will host the meeting, or perhaps the Y. If not, check around at restaurants in town. Most of them will be happy to set aside a room for you if everyone eats there. In addition, meeting at a restaurant can be an enjoyable afternoon or evening for everyone.
5. Have some idea of what you want to accomplish. You should know approximately how much it would cost to get about half a dozen sets, boards, and clocks. Your country's chess federation is your best bet for this type of thing. Also, call them and ask how much it costs to affiliate your club. You cannot host sanctioned (rated) chess games without being an affiliate. Incidentally, that's another reason you won't see many organized tournaments in non-chess club areas. After finding out how many are interested, you will then, by simple arithmetic, have some idea how much dues should be to start out. If possible, elect officers at this meeting and start forming committees to set up by-laws, etc.

6. Although I have already said it above, it's worth repeating. *Call your country's chess federation!* They usually have special packets they will send you at no cost on how to go about forming an affiliated chess club in your area.

7. Get hold of someone who is a current rated chessplayer and talk them into giving a simul to kick the club off the ground. He or she does not have to be a master, you know. Believe it or not, even a class B strength player will probably mow down ninety percent of the opponents in



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your "Introductory Simul." And, if you do manage to collar someone into giving a simul, remember to invite all the local media. They love just such an event for the local news, and it's good publicity, too. Finally, a great prize for those who are fortunate enough to win or draw in the simul might be a free introductory membership to your new club.

Okay, is all that above enough work for you? But you want to know what I think? I think you'd have to be absolutely crazy to do all that work for no pay.

I've done it seven times.

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Comments



ffigrock

3 years ago

Got it..! 😊



suntzukid

4 years ago

well and good...chess is a great game.



Am3692

4 years ago

I started my own high school club, and that wasn't easy... I'll try some of your tips!



Gillias

4 years ago

Wish you could've made it for a teenager. I'm 17 in a dead-water town, but with several interested students (and teachers) in my school who are itching to see me set up something (I just moved there beginning of last school year, September '07). I plan to talk to the principal at the beginning of this next year, and get a room set up, but I'm too short on cash to get official boards or noticing. Any ideas for a small, underfunded local chess club, or do I just improvise?



rabio

4 years ago

waaaaaaay too much work, for a man with no spare time.



SonoffPearl

4 years ago

Sound advice! Thanks for sharing 😊

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Contact: Russell Gates. Contact Phone: 907-244-6937. email: alaskachess@gmail.com. Web Site:
[HTTP://ALASKACHESSLEAGUE.COM](http://ALASKACHESSLEAGUE.COM). ([Crosstables from past rated tourneys for this affiliate](#))

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TIM SANDS. Contact Phone: 907-842-5227. email: tim.sands@alaska.gov. ([Crosstables from past rated tourneys for this affiliate](#))

JUNEAU AK. JUNEAU CHESS CLUB (USCF ID [G6007107](#)). Affiliate Type: College. SAT 1PM-4PM. DOWNTOWN LIBRARY.
Contact: BRIAN BEZENEK. Contact Phone: 907-790-1934. email: bribezenek@gmail.com. Club Membership Not Required, Casual Play,
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Chess Club Rules

- I. Club Membership
 1. Membership is open to any OPHS student who is willing to join.
 2. Club members must behave decently at club meetings. Club officers have the right to ban members from the club if they display inappropriate behavior.
 3. If a member does not attend any club meetings for an extended period of time (3-4 weeks), club officers have the right to remove the member from the club.
 4. If you are removed from the club, you are allowed to join the club again, with your old ranking restored if we can find your files. If you are banned from the club, you cannot join the club again except with the permission of a club officer.
- II. Game Scoring
 1. There are three kinds of games:
 - o **Rated games:** The outcome of the game is recorded, and the rating algorithm is used to determine the new ratings of the players.
 - o **Unrated games:** The outcome of the game is recorded, but the ratings of the players remain unchanged.
 - o **Unrecorded games:** The game is not recorded at all.
 2. The rating algorithm used is that found at ###. It is a multiplayer modification of the ELO system that allows for games with 2-64 players. Alex Nisnevich designed it and can vouch for its fairness.
 3. Determining the type of game:
 - o The players of the game can decide among themselves whether the game is rated, unrated, or unrecorded, and tell the recorder.
 - o If the players do not agree amongst themselves as to the status of the game, it is automatically unrated.
 - o If the players do not tell the recorder anything, use the following rules:
 - o If a game starts out unbalanced in any way (i.e. three players playing a four-player game), it is automatically unrecorded.
 - o If the game is balanced, and is a European Chess game, it is automatically rated.
 - o If the game is balanced, is not a European Chess game, and any two players have a rating difference of more than 100 between them, it is automatically unrated.
 - o If none of the above rules apply, the game is automatically rated.
 4. Determining the outcome of the game if the game is interrupted:
 - o If any player forcefully and purposefully interrupts the game such that it cannot be completed, the game is a tie among the other players.

- If lunch is to end in five minutes and the game has not ended yet, use the following rules:
- If the game is a standard chess game, and a player has a visible advantage of at least 5 points, that player is the winner. Otherwise, the game is a tie.
- If the game is not a standard chess game, the recorder and players (and any club officers present) will have to come to an agreement about the outcome of the game. If no agreement is reached, the game is unrecorded.

III. Miscellaneous

1. As the club sponsor, Mr. Winkler enjoys special privileges, including the right to challenge any club member that is not currently in a game.
2. If you wish to use our colored chess pieces, you must donate \$3 to the club. This is to cover the cost of the colored pieces.