

1/12/2000

To: Mat-Su Borough Land Management Department, Ron Swanson.
Re: Alaska Raceway Park's Application to Lease Borough Land in Sect 35, T17N, R2E.

Dear Mr. Swanson,

The purpose of this letter is to re-emphasize the position of the Butte Community with respect to the possible sale of Borough Land to Alaska Raceway Park lying in Sect 35, T17N,R2E.

As you know, many members of the community have opposed the sale of this property because of concerns over possible expansion of the racetrack and the need to retain a permanent **vegetated buffer strip** between the existing residential areas and the raceway.

In our previous correspondence with your department, I indicated the Council's preference for a long-term lease option over an outright sale of the property. Such a lease should specify intent and include conditions to limit potential uses to parking and noise abatement. It is my impression Mr. Lackey shares many of our concerns and would find such a lease both acceptable and in accordance with his objectives. I would like to stress our desire that the Borough dedicate additional land within that tract for use as a permanent greenbelt. Ideally, both the 20 acres sought by Mr. Lackey and the remaining land in the section should be managed under one multiple use agreement.

I was therefore concerned when I saw that the Borough has elected to process Mr. Lackey's application as a standard purchase/lease agreement involving just 20 acres. We would like to see any lease agreement tied to the management of the larger parcel under a clearly specified set of objectives. I know your staff is very creative with leases and can find a way to make this happen.

The Butte Community Council appreciates the opportunity to provide constructive input to help plan our growth and address quality of life issues for our area. . Please keep the Council informed on this issue.

Sincerely

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