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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** June 9, 2016

**To:** Parks & Recreation Commission

**Cc:** Josh Durand, Parks Superintendent

**From:** Steve Rafuse, Park Planner

**Project:** **PRC 16-19 New Parking Lot at Campbell Park**

### OVERVIEW

The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to develop a new parking lot at Campbell Park to address parking issues and support park usage. Campbell Park is a popular neighborhood use park located along the Campbell Creek corridor just east of the Lake Otis Parkway. In 2013, the Parks and Recreation Department partnered with the Anchorage Park Foundation to develop a fully inclusive playground at the park. The playground upgrades were a success and the park is now a citywide destination. However, the increased popularity of the park has created some contention between neighboring property owners and park users over parking on local neighborhood streets. There are currently 18 parking spaces developed at the park.

### PARKING LOT PROPOSAL

The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to develop a new parking lot directly north of Campbell Creek and the playground to address parking issues and support park usage. The proposed parking lot is located on the site of the former decommissioned Fire Station. The plans include the development of 35 parking spaces with access off of Lake Otis Pkwy. Plans include landscaping, ADA parking, and trail connections to the park and Campbell Creek trail system.

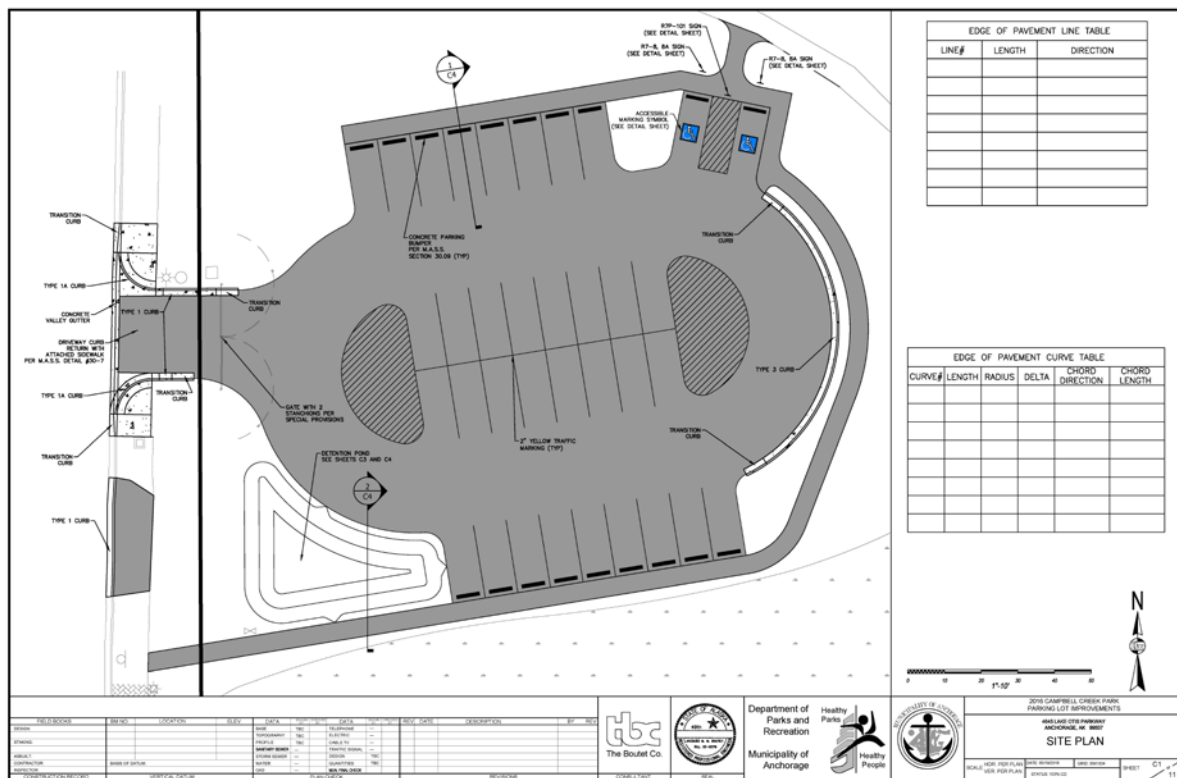
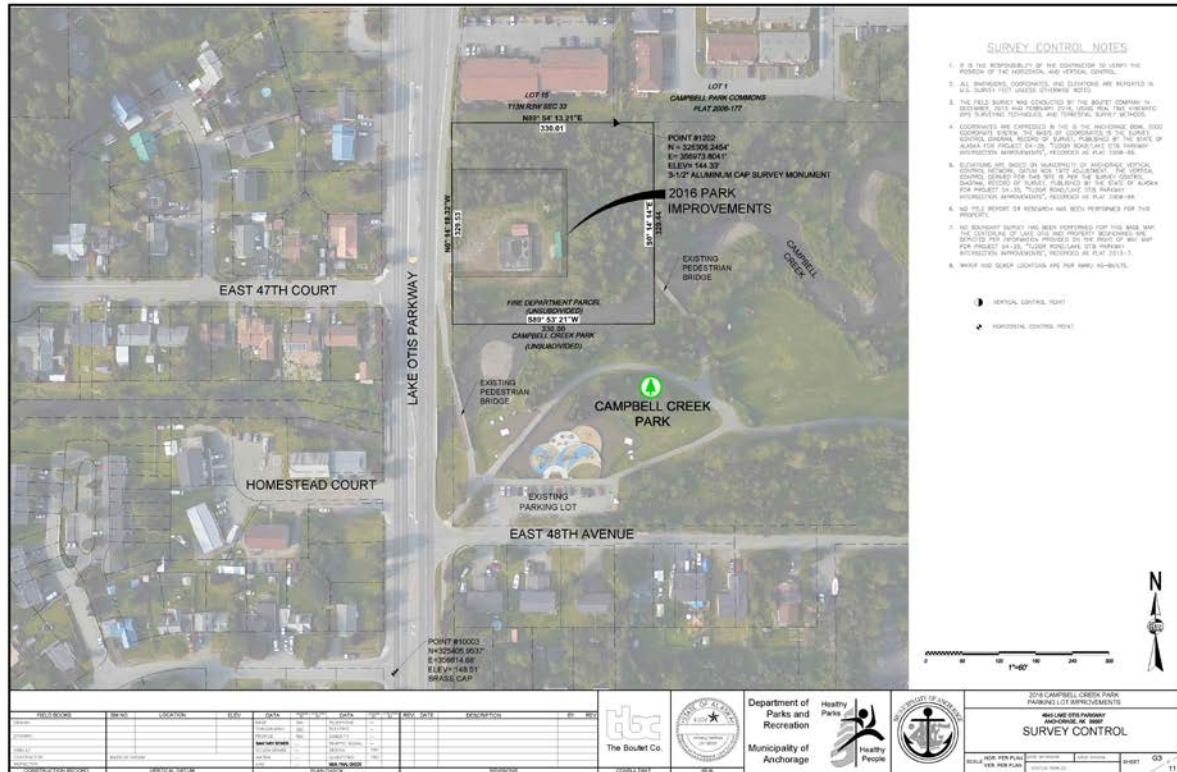
### PLANNING PROCESS AND FUNDING

This project was identified in the local community council's Capital Improvement Plan and was recommended for fast tracking by the area's representative to the Assembly. To assist with this project, the Parks and Recreation Department has contracted the Boutet Company to provide project management and engineering services.

Funding for this project was approved by Anchorage voters as part of the 2016 Park Bond package. The total costs to develop the parking lot (including soft costs) are estimated at \$363,000.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department recommends approval of this project. The addition of a parking lot in this location will help to alleviate the occurrences of park users parking on neighborhood streets; thereby reducing the impacts to park neighbors.





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**PRC RES NO. 2016-17**  
**Development of a New Parking Lot at Campbell Park**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission serves in an advisory capacity to both the Mayor and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission has the responsibility and duty to provide for the long term vision of our park system by ensuring that a balance of parks, natural resources, and recreation facilities provides for the health, welfare, and safety of all residents of the Anchorage Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Campbell Park is a neighborhood use park located on the Campbell Creek Greenbelt in the Midtown-UMED area of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 playground upgrades at Campbell Park has provided for positive recreational opportunities for Anchorage's youth and families; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of the park and playground have created additional traffic and parking on local neighborhood streets, causing congestion and negatively impacting property owners; and

WHEREAS, the development of a new parking lot with 35 spaces is sufficient to meet parking demand and would help address the negative impacts of park users parking on local neighborhood streets;

WHEREAS, the project was identified by the Campbell Park Community Council as a priority and was included in the 2016 Parks Bond, which was approved by voters, and has been recommended for fast tracking by the area representative to the Assembly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposal to develop a new parking lot at Campbell Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 9th day of June, 2016.

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Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

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John Rodda, Director  
Parks & Recreation Department