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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 11, 2017

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

Cc: Maeve Nevins Lavtar, Sr. Park Planner

From: Joshua Durand, Parks Superintendent

Project: **PRC 17-21: 2016 Dave Rose Park Cricket**

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Dave Rose Park is a 14.47 acre community use park located at 201 Lane Street. The park features play equipment, a soccer field, a sledding hill, a basketball court, a picnic shelter, paved and lighted pathways and a parking lot with 25 spaces.

In 2008 the Russian Jack Community Council and local residents participated in the Anchorage Park Report Card process. Dave Rose Park received a grade of D, with specific repairs requested for the playground. In 2016, the playground was completely renovated. Simultaneously, the Anchorage Cricket Association had been seeking a permanent home to host their summer Cricket or “Kilikiti” games. With the game’s large field requirements and the community’s desire to be located within walking distance for many of their players and families, the north field in Dave Rose Park was quickly identified as an ideal location.

The game of Cricket or “Kilikiti” as it is known in the Samoan community, is based on the traditional British cricket game that was first introduced to the Samoan Islands more over a century ago. The 90 minute long games are typically played on Saturday’s and last all day. Anyone can play the game, but typically two teams of 20 people are on the field at once. With approximately 8,000 Polynesians living in Anchorage, this new field will offer an outdoor place for community gathering of all ages and a safe field to play. More information is available in an ADN article with game description:
<https://www.adn.com/sports/2016/07/29/samoans-bring-colorful-version-of-cricket-to-anchorage/>

PLANNING AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

During the winter of 2017 P&R staff worked with the Anchorage Cricket Association and the Russian Jack Community Council to develop a design for the redevelopment of the north field in the park. The project was unanimously approved on March 8, 2017 by the Russian Jack Community Council.

FUNDING AND 2014 IMPROVEMENTS

The Anchorage Cricket Association was awarded a 2017 Anchorage Park Foundation matching Challenge Grant for \$20,000. The north field improvements will include the following:

- Clearing and grubbing of approximately 19,200 sq. ft. of cottonwood forest, removal of approximately 40 cottonwood trees and understory shrubs, stumps, etc.;
- Re-grading, topsoil and seeding for new turf grass;
- Construction of a 455 sq. ft. concrete slab for the pitch area.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The proposed renovations for the new Cricket or “Kilikiti” field at Dave Rose Park are supported by the Russian Jack Community Council and will provide a permanent site for the Anchorage Cricket community. The Department recommends that the Parks & Recreation Commission pass the proposed resolution to support the renovated north field as presented.



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PRC RES NO. 2017-12
Dave Rose Park Cricket “Kilikiti” Field

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, Parks and Recreation planning staff utilized input from the Alaska Cricket Association to guide the renovation of the existing northern field, including tree removal, re-grading of field with topsoil and seed, and addition of a 455 sq. ft. concrete pitch area at Dave Rose Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed park renovation will provide a regulation Cricket “Kilikiti” Field for the Anchorage Cricket community; and

WHEREAS, the proposed park renovation was approved by the Russian Jack Community Council on March 8, 2017; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed design for the renovated northwest field at Dave Rose Park as presented.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 11th day of May, 2017.

Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

John Rodda, Director
Parks & Recreation Department



Kilikiti (Cricket) @ Dave Rose Park United Samoan Organization

- **Project Description:**

We plan to layout and construct our permanent home for Kilikiti at Dave Rose Park. The project includes 455 sq.ft. of concrete for our pitch, clear & grub 19,200 sq.ft of cottonwood forest, remove approximately 40 cottonwood trees and topsoil and seed 19,200 sq.ft. for grass. See attached drawing:

- **Community Need:**

The Kilikiti community has been playing at numerous Anchorage Parks over the past couple of years and we hope to find a permanent home at Dave Rose Park. Many of our players and their families can simply walk to the park for matches. We have had to bring plywood for our pitch to parks as rugby and soccer don't want our concrete pitch in the middle of fields that they use. We feel fortunate to have received unanimous support for our project idea at the Russian Jack Community Council on March 8th 2017. We hope to have a letter of support from them in the near future. We let the Russian Jack Community know that they are all invited to our Saturday Games for food and fun!

- **Project Cost:**

We plan to use the numerous construction trades that exist within our organization to build and construct the proposed project. We only need funding for tree removal and materials. We plan to have a volunteer event for the topsoil and hope to engage the Russian Jack Community at large for this event.



Lane Street

East 3rd Ave

McCarrey Str

Kilikiti Field

180'

65'

190'
+/-



Dave Rose Park Kilikiti (Cricket) Field

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