

Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska Parks & Recreation Commission

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PARKS & RECREATION

PRC RES NO. 2018-03 WHISPER FAITH KOVACH PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADE AND DOG 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, Whisper Faith Kovach Park is a 4.73 acre Neighborhood Use Park located in the Abbott Loop area of Anchorage; and

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department conducted the *Abbott Loop Community Dog Park Site Suitability Study* at the request of the Abbott Loop Community Council in 2014, the results of which recommended Whisper Faith Kovach Park as a preferred location for a future off-leash dog park space; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years Anchorage Parks and Recreation staff has worked with a community advisory group to identify and prioritize future capital improvements at Whisper Faith Kovach Park; and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements include safety upgrades, a new off-leash dog park space, an upgraded playground, as well as landscaping and beautification, and

WHEREAS, these proposed improvements are supported by the Abbott Loop Community Council, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Animal Control Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed improvements submitted by the Department and the advisory group for Whisper Faith Kovach Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 8th day of March, 2018.

Chair Parks and Recreation Commission

John H. Rodda, Director

ATTEST:

Parks & Recreation Department