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**PRC RES NO. 2018 - 13
Sand Lake Elementary Learning Lab**

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, the teachers, staff, and students of Sand Lake Elementary have the goal to encourage and support recreational, educational, and community use of the park while supporting outdoor classroom learning environments; and

WHEREAS, the teachers, staff, and students of Sand Lake Elementary and community volunteers as a part of the Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grant program, Anchorage Park Foundation Schools on Trails project teaming with the Alaska Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects are working together to design and install a learning lab at Sand Lake Park; and

WHEREAS, the design was completed by sixth grade students at Sand Lake Elementary school and inspired by a Koi Fish and traditional Japanese gardens and further developed by students and professionals; and

WHEREAS, the construction will include a pathway and the learning lab area consisting of a platform, benches, and stepping stones and signage with kanji interpretive elements; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed improvements at Sand Lake Park.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 14th day of June, 2018.

ATTEST:



John Rodda, Director
Parks & Recreation Department


Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission