



# MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE

## ANCHORAGE PARKS & RECREATION

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** May 14, 2026

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**To:** Parks and Recreation Commission

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**Cc:** Taylor Keegan, Superintendent

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**From:** Evan Sharp, Park Planner

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**Subject:** PRC 26-11: Bancroft Park Parking Lot Improvements

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### INTRODUCTION

Bancroft Park is a valued community asset that provides recreational opportunities for residents and user groups throughout the area. The parking lot located at the corner of Shelikof Street and Chirikof Court serves as an important seasonal access point and supports recreational activities within the park.

The parking area is used extensively by the local soccer community, including the Cook Inlet Soccer Club, which serves more than 3,000 families. Continued access to adequate parking is important for maintaining safe and functional park operations and supporting ongoing community recreational use.

### PARKING LOT PROPOSAL

Anchorage Parks and Recreation is proposing upgrades to the Bancroft parking lot to accommodate current and future demand for recreation.

The proposed improvements include the following:

- Widening and paving of the driveway to better facilitate two-way traffic in and out of the lot
- Installation of locking swing gate
- Resurfacing and regrading the lot to fix current potholes and improve the drainage preventing new ones from occurring
- Expanding the lot east to create an additional 15 spaces
- Removal of center bollards and chains to facilitate vehicle access around the perimeter of the lot
- Installation of concrete curb stops to delineate the new parking configuration
- Tree and bollard removal as needed for driveway widening and east end expansion
- Boulders to replace removed bollards

## **FUNDING**

Funding for the project is provided through a Boys and Girls Club Grant designated for the improvement of soccer fields.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department recommends approval of this project. The renovation of this parking lot will improve safety, access for this popular access point to Bancroft Park.



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### PRC RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

#### Bancroft Park Parking Lot Improvements

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 Bancroft Park soccer fields hosts the Cook Inlet Soccer Club which serves more than 3,000 Alaskan families and currently hosts soccer during the summer; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of soccer at Bancroft Park has resulted in a shortage of available parking at the park leading to degradation of the surfacing, congestion and parking along neighborhood streets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed parking lot improvements will help meet the demand for parking as well as improve the parking area for accessibility, safety, and maintenance ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission approves the proposed improvements for the Bancroft Park parking lot as submitted by the Parks and Recreation Department.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 14th day of May, 2026.

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Chair  
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

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Director  
Parks & Recreation Department