



Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska
Parks & Recreation Commission

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MEMORANDUM

Date: May 13, 2021

To: Parks & Recreation Commission

Cc: Josh Durand, Director

From: Steve Rafuse, Parks Superintendent

Project: **PRC 21-07 Dave Rose Park Parking Lot Expansion**

OVERVIEW

Anchorage Parks and Recreation is proposing an expansion of the existing parking lot at Dave Rose Park from 25 to 50 parking spaces. The parking lot expansion is intended to help meet increased demand for parking on the weekend when the athletic field is used for Samoan Cricket, also known as Kilikiti. In addition to increasing parking lot capacity, the expansion will include a power outlet to support sports events, a location for fenced port-o-potties, an ADA connection to the existing paved trail loop, and new amenities such as trash cans and benches.

BACKGROUND

Dave Rose Park is 14.47 acre park located in the Russian Jack neighborhood of Anchorage. The park features a playground, sledding hill, picnic shelter and basketball court, paved walking paths, and a large athletic field which is used for Kilikiti.

In 2017, the Parks and Recreation Department worked with the Alaska Cricket Association to find a permanent home for the group at Dave Rose Park. This effort was bolstered with a \$20,000 Challenge Grant from the Anchorage Park Foundation to help convert the field for Cricket. Since then, the Alaska Cricket Association has hosted league play at Dave Rose Park throughout the summer.

The popularity of Kilikiti at Dave Rose Park has led to some additional challenges as it relates to parking at the park. With only 25 existing parking spaces, many people often park along neighborhood streets resulting in congestion and traffic on the weekends. To meet this demand, the Parks and Recreation Department was asked by the community to explore options for expanding the parking lot at Dave Rose Park.

Figure 1: Dave Rose Park location map



Figure 2: Site Plan of Proposed Improvements



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to expand the parking lot at Dave Rose Park from 25 to 50 parking spaces. The improvements are intended to support the Samoan Cricket Association and to minimize impacts to park neighbors on busy weekends by providing additional parking spaces within the park. The Department will also add a power outlet, screened vehicle gates, screened port-o-potties, amenities such as benches and trash cans, and ADA access to the paved trail loop. Construction is anticipated for August 2021.

Project Funding

- 2019 Park Bond \$50,000
- 2020 Park Bond \$350,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends the approval of the proposed parking lot expansion at Dave Rose Park. The Department worked with representatives from the Kilikiti group to identify needs and received a resolution of support from the Russian Jack Community Council in April 2021.



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DAVE ROSE PARK PARKING LOT EXPANSION

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, Dave Rose Park became the home of the Alaska Cricket Association in 2017 and currently hosts Samoan Cricket (Kilikiti) matches on weekends during the summer; and

WHEREAS, the popularity of Kilikiti at Dave Rose Park has resulted in a shortage of available parking at the park leading to congestion and parking along neighborhood streets; and

WHEREAS, the proposed parking lot expansion from 25 to 50 spaces will help meet the demand for parking at Dave Rose Park; and

WHEREAS, the parking lot upgrades will include a power outlet to support sports events, a location for fenced port-o-potties, an ADA connection to the existing paved trail loop, and new amenities such as trash cans and benches.

WHEREAS, the proposed improvements are supported by the Russian Jack Community Council; and

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

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Parks and Recreation Commission this 13th day of May, 2021.

Chair
Parks and Recreation Commission

ATTEST:

Josh Durand, Director
Parks & Recreation Department