

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ABBOTT LOOP COMMUNITY COUNCIL
IN SUPPORT OF THE
WHISPER FAITH KOVACH PARK 2018 IMPROVEMENTS**

The Abbott Loop Community Council provides a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in government and local affairs as designated by the Anchorage Assembly;

In 2014, the Abbott Loop Community Council asked the Parks and Recreation Department to begin planning for future improvements at Whisper Faith Kovach Park. The Community Council specifically requested that the Department develop an off-leash dog park, improve safety and upgrade playground equipment.

In 2015, the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Department began preliminary planning for Whisper Faith Kovach Park with a community advisory group comprised of neighbors and community council members.

In 2017, with the support and advocacy of the Abbott Loop Community Council, \$250,000 in park bond funding for Whisper Faith Kovach Park was passed by Anchorage voters. Additionally, neighbors in the Abbott Loop community were awarded a \$26,000 Challenge Grant from the Anchorage Park Foundation for improvements at the park.

The following improvements are identified for Whisper Faith Kovach Park in 2018.

Off-leash Dog Park Area

- Separate fenced areas for little dogs and big dogs
- Double gated entrances for safe unleashing of dogs
- Area set aside for future dog play equipment
- Signage (rules and regulations)
- Basic amenities (trash cans, mutt mitts)

Playground & Picnic Area

- Expanded play area with new play structure and swings
- ADA accessible play surfacing
- Basic amenities (trash cans, picnic tables, benches)

Safety Concerns:


- Remove mound near roadway to improve visibility and safety and replace with fencing
- Provide adequate separation of uses within the park to minimize conflicts between dog park and play area

Landscaping & Beautification

- Basic landscaping including trees to define use areas

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Abbott Loop Community Council supports approval of the Whisper Faith Kovach Park 2018 Improvements

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Abbott Loop Community Council this 30th day of November, 2017, by a vote of 17 in favor, 0 opposed, and abstained.



ALCC President