



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: October 1, 2020

From: Noreen Leek, Recreation Manager

Subject: Dog Park Resurfacing

Community Goal/Result

Community Building

Purpose

Maintain high-quality recreation facilities for community interaction.

Recommendation

Approve funding in the amount of \$60,000 for resurfacing of the dog park as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission.

Background

On September 25th, 2019, the Recreation Facilities Subcommittee along with the City Council Parks & Recreation Liaisons met with stakeholders at the dog park. The purpose of this meeting was to engage the stakeholders and gather input regarding their overall preferences at the park. Although the majority of the meeting was spent discussing park amenities such as seating, water, shade, etc., several residents initiated conversations about park resurfacing.

In the past, dog park users have expressed a preference for grass, and have been vocal about their dissatisfaction regarding the overall condition of the grass. Given the nature of use on the grass at the dog park and that it is a highly concentrated area, it is important to note that the City's approach towards maintenance of the dog park will not result in the turf condition mirroring that of the Community Park. In recent years, there seems to be a shift towards support for alternate surfacing options such as artificial turf, gravel, or decomposed granite.

P&R staff reviewed 24 local dog parks and found only 3 facilities to have any real grass (*Attachment 2*). In all 3 cases, the grass areas were significantly larger than that of Brisbane's (which means less concentrated use) and the condition of the grass at these locations was either similar to or worse than the condition of Brisbane's.

On January 8th, 2020 the Parks & Recreation Commission addressed this item, reviewed various alternative surfacing options and estimated costs, and discussed the pros and cons to each. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend to Council to proceed with resurfacing of the park including a majority of hardscape surface (i.e. decomposed granite) and some smaller patches of artificial turf (*Attachment 1*).

Discussion

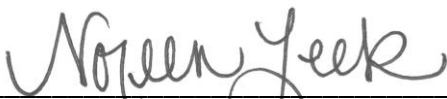
At this time, Council is being asked to consider the recommendation from the Parks & Recreation Commission and authorize funding to proceed with the project.

Fiscal Impact

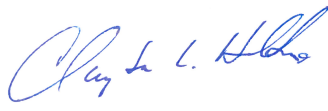
The existing grass area of the dog park is approximately 5,225 square feet. The scope of work will include excavation/sub grading, and installation of base plus surfacing. The budget-level estimate generated by staff is approximately \$60,000. Research conducted by the City’s Public Works team suggests that the lifespan of this surfacing is 15-20 years and ongoing maintenance costs would be significantly reduced given that mowing, frequent watering, annual reseeding, and new sod would not be required. Ongoing maintenance would include minor watering of the artificial turf for sanitation purposes, occasional brushing of the turf, and top coating of the hardscape surfacing as needed. The City’s Public Works team estimates that ongoing maintenance of the dog park would be reduced by about half of what it is today.

Attachments

- 1. Aerial map of dog park with resurfacing notations
- 2. Dog Park comparison reviewed by P&R Commission



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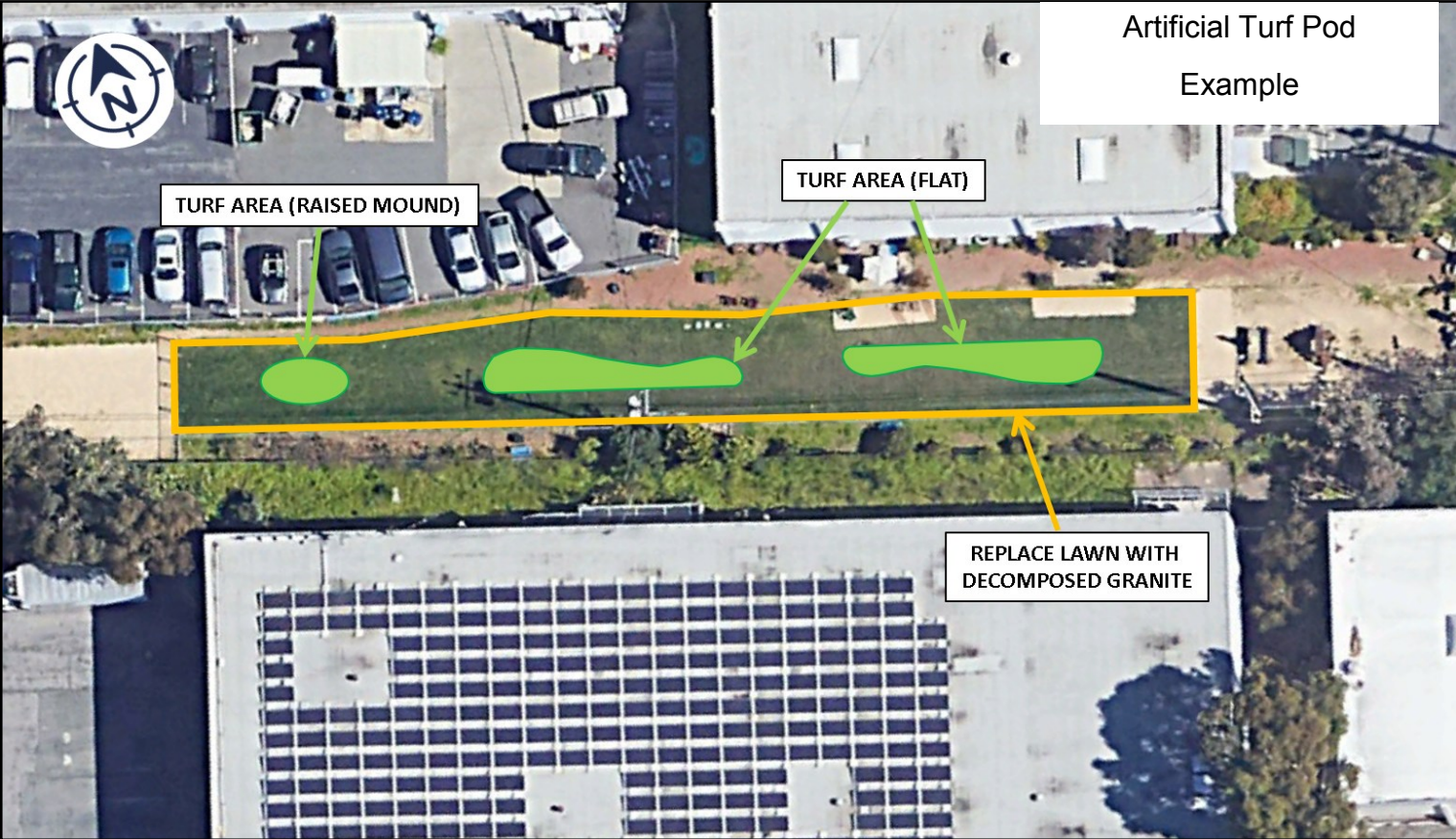


Clay Holstine, City Manager

Aerial Map of Dog Park with Resurfacing Notations



*The yellow frame in the photo above denotes the existing grass area that is proposed for resurfacing. The decomposed granite (DG) that would be installed here would compliment the existing DG areas that already exist at both ends of the park nearest the entrances.




*The light green markings in the photo above denote proposed artificial turf pod locations. These small pods will require significantly less maintenance and will provide a secondary type of surfacing for dogs to enjoy.






Dog Park Comparison

Park Name	Location	Surfacing	
Centennial Way Dog Park	South San Francisco	DG + Artificial Turf	
Commodore Park	San Bruno	Mixed, mostly dirt & weeds (not maintained grass)	
Seal Point	San Mateo	Dirt/DG	
Burlingame Dog Exercise Park	Burlingame	Dirt/DG	
St. Mary's Dog Play Area	San Francisco (R&P)	Grass + Asphalt (comparable grass condition to Brisbane's however a much larger area and less concentrated use)	

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San Carlos Dog Park	San Carlos	Dirt/DG	
Foster City Dog Park	Foster City	Artificial Turf + DG	
Cipriani Dog Park	Belmont	Dirt/DG	
Sanchez Dog Park	Pacifica	Dirt/DG	
Upper Douglas Dog Park	San Francisco	Grass + Dirt (comparable grass condition to Brisbane's however a much larger area and less concentrated use)	





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Alemanya Dog Park	San Francisco	Dirt/DG	
Main Street Dog Agility Park	Redwood City	Dirt/DG	
Smith Field Coastside Dog Park	Half Moon Bay	Wood Chips	
Mitchell Park Dog Park	Palo Alto	Dirt/DG	
Bair Island Dog Park	Redwood City	Artificial Turf	

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Village Green Dog Park	Mountain View	Artificial Turf	
Willow Oaks Dog Park	Menlo Park	Grass + Dirt (grass is not maintained – worse condition)	
Golden Gate Park Dog Training Area	San Francisco	Dirt	
Rincon Hill Dog Park	San Francisco	DG	
Mission Bay Dog Park	San Francisco	DG + Artificial Turf	

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Lafayette Park	San Francisco	Artificial Turf	
SoMa West Dog Park	San Francisco	Artificial Turf	
Moscone Dog Park	San Francisco	Artificial Turf	
Brotherhood Way Dog Park	San Francisco	DG	

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKS ASSESSED: 24

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKS WITH ANY GRASS: 3