



City Council Agenda Report

Meeting Date: July 9, 2024

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Subject: Permanent Dog Park Preferred Plan Recommendation

COUNCIL PRIORITY AREA

- Business Communities
- Circulation Safety and Efficiency
- Environmental Sustainability
- Housing
- Neighborhood Safety Infrastructure
- General Government

RECOMMENDATION

City Council to receive the presentation on the Hillview Park permanent dog park conceptual design preferred plan and provide Staff with further direction, including action to move forward with construction documents and project schedule.

POLICY QUESTION(S) FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

- Does City Council approve of the preferred dog park design?
- Does City Council approve of any or all of the recommended Government Center parking modifications?
- Does City Council wish for staff to move to the construction documents and construction phase of the permanent dog park?

FISCAL IMPACT

None currently. If directed by Council, staff will bring back actual costs of preparation of construction documents and construction for approval as part of the next step.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA section 15301 – Existing Facilities consisting of the operation, or minor alteration of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

None

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

At the February 28, 2023 regular meeting, City Council directed staff to begin the process of the permanent dog park design in the recommended location on the northwest end of the Hillview soccer field. The location of the permanent dog park will encompass the auxiliary parking lot and landscape area, west of the Bus Barn Theatre. The area includes 16 parking spaces and the former location of the Friends of the Library work shed including the adjacent landscape area.

On August 17, 2023, Verde Design entered into an agreement with the City to create a conceptual design for a permanent dog park at Hillview Park through a community outreach process. The conceptual design and community outreach process included several components. Below is a list of what was done as part of the agreement with Verde Design.

- Staff/Consultant meetings
- Topical survey
- Underground utility review
- Design project scheduling
- Community meetings
- Online surveys
- Design alternatives
- Construction estimates
- PARC meeting presentation of materials

At the June 18, 2024 Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Commission (PARC) meeting, the Commission unanimously (5-0) supported the preferred dog park design that includes a separate fenced area for small dogs. Commission comments included the following.

Comments that had general commission agreement:

- Surrounding landscape should not be poisonous or attract bees.
- Irrigation access for surface cleaning and cooling should be readily accessible.
- Decorative fence between main area and small dog area is desired.
- Water-feature (dog wash) at the entrance is not recommended.
- Attractive and large entrance area to prep dog before entering the park. – Good
- Good overall dog park design.

Other comments:

- Smaller entry area
- High fence and possible extended screening (20 feet) on soccer side
- Good to have multiple surfaces
- Can solar be incorporated?
- Recommended seating locations and options are good
- ADA access considerations – Good
- No live oaks due to leaf issues in dog paws
- Concerns about the parking plan affecting orchard

- Brick walkway could be used as fundraising opportunity
- Main area looks like good open space to run
- Water feature is good
- Hope shade structures will have soft appearance
- Good parking solution
- Artificial turf a concern

The next step in this process, if directed by Council, would be to request proposal for construction documents and architectural project management. Based on the estimated cost of contract documents and construction, there appears to currently be adequate approved Park In-Lieu funding for this project. The schedule for the creation of construction documents and construction would need to be coordinated with any parking modifications.

ATTACHMENTS

None