



DATE: November 9, 2022

AGENDA ITEM #2

**TO:** Parks & Recreation Commission

**FROM:** Manny A. Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Director/Staff Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Dog Park Pilot Evaluation Implementation Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Commission will discuss the plan to evaluate the two dog parks at Hillview and McKenzie Parks and review the updated evaluation form draft

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**BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION**

The week of June 27, 2022, the City of Los Altos opened two new fenced off-leash dog parks. As part of the approval of opening the dog parks at Hillview and McKenzie, the Parks & Recreation Department will evaluate the impacts of their installations and usage. In previous discussions, the Parks & Recreation Commission committed to assisting in these evaluations.

The Hillview Dog Park, currently located on the east end of the soccer field, is considered a temporary site that will eventually be relocated to the northwest end of the soccer field. The McKenzie Dog Park is located adjacent to the tennis courts and is currently considered a pilot. Evaluations of these new park amenities will be evaluated for decisions in the permanent site (Hillview) and viability within the park (McKenzie).

Parks & Recreation staff has put together a draft evaluation form to use in evaluating the dog park at McKenzie. This form is being proposed to be used in measuring important aspects of the affects of the installation of the Dog Park at that location. The initial draft was reviewed by the Commission at it's October meeting and updates were made from the input provided.

For the evaluation of needs at the Hillview dog park location, it is proposed that the Market Research team utilize the research software tool that was proposed by the sub-committee to the City. The sub-committee is currently in talks with City staff to finalize the purchase of that system for use.

Using the draft evaluation form, the Parks & Recreation Commission will discuss the evaluation points contained in it, as well as the format. There will also be discussion on the proposed evaluation schedule and the support schedule of the Commission.

Attachments: A -Draft Evaluation Form (2)