



TO: Parks & Recreation Commission
FROM: Donna Legge, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Dog Park Rules

RECOMMENDATION:

Review proposed Dog Park Rules and forward input to staff for implementation

BACKGROUND

At its regular meeting of February 8, 2022, Council introduced, as read by title only, and waived further reading, of the ordinance with Council amendments, amending Los Altos Municipal Code Section 5.08 authorizing off-leash fenced-in dog parks in certain designated locations within Los Altos, at Hillview and McKenzie Park and making findings that the projects are exempt pursuant to CEQA.

Council affirmed the location of a fenced dog park at the Hillview Soccer Field and directed staff to proceed with the phased implementation approach. In addition, Council authorized the increase of the current fiscal year budget by \$100,000 for implementation of the dog parks.

Council directed staff to proceed with the first phase of the implementation of a fenced in dog park at McKenzie Park and to continue to look at alternative locations, including non-park land, that might accommodate a fenced in dog park should the first phase of the McKenzie dog park prove to be unsuccessful. In preparation of the development of the dog parks, Recreation Specialist Keifer O'Hara surveyed neighboring cities to determine best practices related to the enforcement of established rules, including sample signage and language.

On March 28, 2022, staff shared the research with the Dog Park Subcommittee to determine additional edits to the previous rules utilized during the Off-leash Hillview Baseball Field Pilot Program. The Subcommittee made additional recommendations that are highlighted in the attached rules (Attachment 1).

Attachment

1. Proposed Dog Park Rules