



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners
VIA: Robin Gomez, City Manager
FROM: Jay Hatch, Recreation Director
DATE: June 20, 2023
RE: **City Dog Park Improvements**

Background

Currently the City of Madeira Beach has a dog park located in the City Hall Parking lot between the Fire Station and the Ball Fields of ROC Park. Due to its abundance of use, the dog park has become a maintenance challenge and is due for a much-needed overhaul to better serve the community of dog owners who utilize it. Over the last year, staff has held various community input meetings to seek feedback on what the future of the dog park would look like. Those meetings were held on April 19, 2022, October 26, 2022, and May 17, 2023. Each meeting saw approximately 50-75 visitors and their pets. Feedback from those meetings was collected and staff worked with Leroy Chin of TranSystems to develop plans for potential renovation of the dog park. Of that feedback, concerns related to the surface, shade, and amenities were raised by the dog park users. To this point, Mr. Chin and staff have compiled drawings and cost estimates for the dog park improvements as it is currently designed.

At this time, staff is seeking direction from the board to move forward with bidding out the various aspects of the project to get a better understanding of the overall costs of the project in order to move forward with the dog park improvements.

Fiscal Impact

Current cost estimates are included in the attached document below. Staff intends to oversee construction of the project which should result in overall savings. Additionally, staff will utilize a sponsorship program for the dog park to help offset some of the costs associated with the project.

Recommendation

Staff recommends moving forward with Requests for Bids to determine the overall actual costs of the project. Staff would release the information as soon as possible and bring the results of the bids back to a future workshop for discussion.

Attachments

- Updated Preliminary Dog Park Design
- Preliminary Dog Park Cost Estimate
- Dog Park Meeting Feedback 1
- Dog Park Meeting Feedback 2
- Dog Park Meeting Feedback 3
- Dog Park Feedback - Resident
- Letter from Medicine River Animal Hospital
- Dog Park Feedback - Resident
- Dog Park Information - National Parks and Recreation Magazine