



CITY OF ORLAND STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 19, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Recreation Director – Joe Fenske

SUBJECT: **Proposed Location For City Dog Park (Discussion/Action)**

BACKGROUND:

February 1st, 2022, the City Council approved the Recreation Commission recommendation of developing a City Dog Park. At the time, neither the Recreation Commission nor the City Council set a budget or location for the project. The budget for the project and location was to be determined later, after the City completed the other planned Capital Improvement projects. Those projects are now completed or in process to be completed.

ANALYSIS:

After conducting assessments and considering all City Parks and City owned property, staff and the Recreation Commission supports the location of a City Dog Park at the east end of Lollipop Land. The location is easily accessible for both residents and visitors. It is centrally located within the City limits, ensuring convenient access for individuals with dogs from various neighborhoods.

The chosen site minimizes disruption to existing park activities and facilities. Placing the Dog Park in an area with lower foot traffic and adjacent to other recreational spaces will help maintain a good coexistence between dog owners and other park users. Notices of this meeting have been mailed to property owners located immediately near the proposed Dog Park.

Safety is a top priority. The recommended location provides a secure and well-contained space for dogs to play, minimizing the risk of conflicts with other park activities. Additionally, it allows for proper fencing and signage to address the safety of both dogs and their owners. This site allows for the incorporation of necessary features such as additional fencing, benches, water stations, and additional amenities. There would be separate entrances for the Dog Park and Lollipop Land. Lollipop Land entrance would be from the parking lot and the Dog Park entrance would be on East Street. Dog Park hours were not discussed but staff recommends a schedule of 6:00am to dusk, consistent with that of the overall park.

Some of the benefits of a Dog Park to the community are socialization, physical exercise, community engagement, enhance quality of life, and allowing the City to provide a safe space strictly for dogs and their owners. The

Recreation Commission voted 4-0 on February 28th, 2024, to recommend to City Council, the East side of Lollipop Land for Dog Park.

ATTACHMENT (1): Photo of location of proposed Dog Park

RECOMMENDATION: Accept Recreation Commission recommendation for proposed Dog Park location.

FISCAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATION: Not to exceed \$15,000 from Park Impact Fees.