



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Community Park Donations

Preferred Agenda: May 25, 2021

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Reviewed By: Ray Towry, City Manager

Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion **X** Roll Call ____ Other ____

Relevant Code/Policy: Duties of the Park and Tree Committee. Duties of the City Council

Towards Council Goal: Goal #1 Infrastructure
Goal #2 Be an Effective and Efficient Government

Attachments: Proposal Submitted 04.07.21
Draft Maps
Park & Tree Committee Minutes 04.21.21

Purpose of this RCA:

The purpose of this RCA is to approve the acceptance of donated funds for two dog parks and two small City playgrounds.

Background/Context:

On April 7, 2021 Mayor and President of Hoy's Hardware, Greg Mahler, submitted a proposal to use donated funds for two dog parks and two small city parks. On April 21, 2021 the Park and Tree Committee held a public meeting and voted to recommend the proposal to City Council for approval. The City Council will hear the proposal at the May 25, 2021 meeting.

The Challenge/Problem:

How to accept donations while meeting the interests of the public.

Staff and the Park and Tree Committee are concerned with the ability of the parks crew to prep, install, and maintain 4 new parks. Staff is stretched thin with the number of existing parks.

Staff and the Park and Tree Committee expressed concerns about a small playground at Clover Park. There is limited parking at a dangerous intersection. The Park and Tree Committee recommends moving the proposed Clover Park playground to Strawberry Park.

Stakeholders:

- The City of Sweet Home constructing and maintaining four new parks.
- Donors investing in four new parks.
- Citizens of Sweet Home benefitting from the addition of four new parks.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

While these projects are mostly funded by donations, the City would be responsible for any cost overruns or maintenance costs.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A stable solution would be to balance the desires of the donors with the interests of the residents and the capabilities of staff.

Options:

1. Deny the request, reject the donation, and do not construct a dog park at Northside Park.
2. Approve request, accept the donation and direct staff to plan, design and construct a dog park at Northside Park.
3. Direct staff to re-engage the donors to modify their request for a dog park at Northside Park.
4. Deny the request, reject the donation, and do not construct a dog park at City Hall.
5. Approve request, accept the donation and direct staff to plan, design and construct a dog park at City Hall.
6. Direct staff to re-engage the donors to modify their request for a dog park at City Hall.
7. Deny the request, reject the donation, and do not construct a small playground and flower area at City Hall.
8. Approve request, accept the donation and direct staff to plan, design and construct a small playground and flower area at City Hall.
9. Direct staff to re-engage the donors to modify their request for a small playground and flower area at City Hall
10. Deny the request, reject the donation, and do not construct a small playground at Strawberry Park, recommended by the Park and Tree Committee.
11. Approve request, accept the donation and direct staff to plan, design and construct a small playground at Strawberry Park, recommended by the Park and Tree Committee.
12. Direct staff to re-engage the donors to modify their request for a small playground at Strawberry Park, recommended by the Park and Tree Committee.

Recommendation:

Staff Recommends Option 2: Approve request, accept the donation and direct staff to plan, design and construct a dog park at Northside Park.

Staff Recommends Option 5: Approve request, accept the donation and direct staff to plan, design and construct a dog park at City Hall.

Staff Recommends Option 8: Approve request, accept the donation and direct staff to plan, design and construct a small playground and flower area at City Hall.

Staff Recommends Option 11: Approve request, accept the donation and direct staff to plan, design and construct a small playground at Strawberry Park, recommended by the Park and Tree Committee.