



October 19, 2021

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Ron Munds, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 4 – 10/19/2021 Parks & Recreation Meeting**  
Review of the Dog Park Concept Plan Comments and Project Update

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### **DESCRIPTION**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Dog Park Project has been on hold for the past year and a half. Attached to this report is a report from the March 16, 2021 PRAC meeting which discussed revitalizing the Dog Park Project effort. At this meeting we will discuss the committee's vision on how to proceed.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss and provide staff with direction on the next steps to be taken.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Background**

It was expected back in March that the COVID-19 restrictions would ease during 2021 and it would be a good time to start formulating a plan to move forward once it is safe to proceed with further public outreach. It was decided to finish the Ferrell Pathway Project and then take up the Dog Park Project. Subsequently, Delta Variant made it questionable whether it was safe to proceed with public outreach and the project was once again placed on hold.

With still no clear timeline when it will be possible to re-engage the public outreach piece of the project, we do know that the committee will need to research opportunities to hand the ongoing maintenance of the project to an organization or non-profit. At this meeting we will discuss this aspect of the project and the committee's vision on how to proceed.

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**Attachment**  
March 16, 2021 Staff Report



March 16, 2021

**TO:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Ron Munds, General Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 6 – 03/16/2021 Parks & Recreation Meeting**  
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### **DESCRIPTION**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Dog Park Project has been on hold for the past year. This report briefly summarizes the progress made prior to the pandemic. At the meeting, the committee will discuss the steps to move forward as the COVID-19 restrictions hopefully ease.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss and provide staff with direction on the next steps to be taken.

### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Background**

In late 2019, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) was making steady progress towards identifying the design elements needed for a community dog park facility. There was a robust discussion at the November 19, 2019 meeting regarding the limited comments received from the public and the committee's vision for the amenities at the park. Based on the outcome of those discussions, a conceptual plan was provided by Matt Parker, a Wallace Group employee who donated his time to the effort.

Using the draft conceptual plan, the PRAC, at the January 21, 2020 meeting, directed staff to solicit further comments from the public in order to better refine the details of the draft plan. Staff utilized the District's Facebook page, the ENews online newsletter and the website to gather comments.

In April 2020, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee reviewed comments made through the first quarter of 2020. It was envisioned that additional public input would be solicited at public events and other in-person opportunities. Since that time, the project has been on hold due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

#### **Next Steps?**

With the projection that COVID-19 restrictions may ease during 2021, now would be a good time to start formulating a plan to move forward once it is safe to proceed with further public outreach. To start the planning process, attached are all the comments received through March 10, 2021. Staff believes it would be beneficial to review these comments to re-familiarize the committee with where

the project was left back in early 2020. Staff will be asking for input and direction on the committee's perspective on the next steps.

To briefly summarize the comments, most voiced support of the Dog Park Concept Plan. In these comments there were many community members voicing support for grass or artificial turf, and most are against wood chips. There were many comments/inquiries on the size of the park, having drinking water available for the dogs, having a small training/agility area for individual dogs, benches for the dog owners, and the parking.

Other comments of note were asking about finances, timeline, public input from neighbors, trees/shading, and sound.

Attachment