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TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 3 – 04/19/2022 Parks & Recreation Meeting**
Project Status Report

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Update

At the last Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) on February 15th, the committee discussed and approved the revised one-page flyer and reviewed the updated concept plan and made a couple of recommendations.

The takeaways from the last meeting are as follows:

• **Stay focused on the Dog Park.** The committee agreed that the focus should remain on the Dog Park and not include a community garden or pickleball courts.

• **Expand the area of the park to the north towards the church and add a second entrance on the south side of the park.** A revised concept plan which will include the expansion to the north and the added entrance will be completed as part of the cost estimation work.

• **Investigate how to get water to the area for both landscape (recycled water) and drinking and the cost.** Water continues to be a tricky issue. After discussions with Golden State Water Company, they will require separate connections for potable and recycled water. Staff is still looking into the connection fee costs. We will be looking at the cost for the waterline installation as part of the cost evaluation. The County to this point is reluctant to be involved in the water discussion since they are negotiating with Golden State on using recycled water in the main part of the park.

• **Look at getting a cost estimate for the “big ticket” items in the conceptual plan (i.e. erosion control along Palisades Dr., parking lot construction, etc.).** The District engaged Wallace Group last week to provide the committee with cost estimations for the various components of the Dog Park. The work will be completed by our next PRAC meeting in June.

Other Outstanding Issues

Operation & Maintenance. The District will need to find a non-profit or other entity to assume responsibilities for the operation and maintenance of the park.

Insurance. Being able to obtain liability insurance has been identified as a major barrier in operating the park once it has been completed. There is a chance the District could have the coverage under its existing liability insurance but more research will be needed to confirm if this is an option and if so, the cost.

Attachment

Dog Park Summary Flyer



Los Osos Off-Leash Dog Park

A project by the Los Osos Community Services District

The Location

- North of the Tennis Courts in Los Osos Community Park, located at 2180 Palisades Street

The Concept Plan

- Developed with donated time from the Wallace Group and the LOCSO Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Input and comments are still being accepted in regard to the design details.



LOS OSOS DOG PARK - CONCEPT PLAN

January 17, 2022

Progress to Date

- Tentative agreement for the use of the property through a ground lease with the County of SLO
- Conceptual Plan developed
- Public input being solicited to finalize the plan

Next Steps

- Approval of the Los Osos Habitation Conservation Plan (HCP) by the Coastal Commission and U.S. Fish and Wildlife is still pending and no projected approval date has been released at this time.
- Approval of the Los Osos Community Plan, submitted to the California Coastal Commission 12/15/20 and will hopefully be approved sometime in early 2022.
- Finalize design details including: dog park surface materials, fencing materials/style, landscaping, parking, etc.
- Develop a project cost estimation in order search for grant and other funding opportunities
- Identify a partner (i.e. nonprofit, service blue) to oversee operation of the park

To become involved with this anticipated project, please go to the District Website at

<https://www.losososcsd.org/los-osos-dog-park-concept-plan> or email ldurban@losososcsd.org

The Parks and Recreation Committee meet bi-monthly, please see the District Website for meeting details.