

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Matthew Fertal	From:	Kimberly Huy
Dept.:	City Manager	Dept.:	Community Services
Subject:	DOG PARK SITE SELECTION	Date:	December 11, 2007

OBJECTIVE

To request that the City Council select a location for a dog park, and to seek City Council approval to send a letter of request to Supervisor Janet Nguyen's office, to be signed by the Mayor, requesting funding for a dog park.

BACKGROUND

At the October 23, 2007 study session with City Council, City staff informed Council that Supervisor Nguyen's office had notified the City of the possibility of available funding to develop a dog park in Garden Grove. Staff also provided the results of a survey that assessed other dog park facilities located in the County, and discussed potential locations for the development of a dog park. At the close of the study session, City Council directed staff to notify Supervisor Nguyen's office that the City was interested in pursuing the development of a dog park and to return with information regarding a specific location and cost.

DISCUSSION

Staff notified Supervisor Nguyen's office of the City's interest in pursuing the development of a dog park in Garden Grove. Additionally, staff conducted an analysis regarding the potential development of a dog park, which included location, development costs and operating costs. Supervisor Nguyen requested that the City Council identify a location for the park prior to her moving forward with an approval request to the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

Location

Potential sites for the development of a dog park were reviewed. Several issues were considered throughout the analysis, including proximity to other facilities (i.e. restrooms, parking, lighting, public utility services), proximity to residential neighborhoods and noise levels. Based on the information gathered throughout the analysis, staff concluded that Garden Grove Park would be the most viable site for the development of a dog park. This park site provides existing restrooms, parking, lighting, public utility services (electricity and water) and limited proximity to residential neighborhoods.

Development Costs

The development of a dog park at Garden Grove Park would cost approximately \$73,900 for a 9,513 square foot facility. This estimated amount includes the costs for concrete, perimeter fencing, benches, drinking fountains, signage, pet waste stations and architectural services.

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• Concrete	
\$3.25 per linear foot mow strip	\$2,000
\$7.25 per square foot for sidewalk	\$7,500
• Perimeter fencing	
\$60 per linear foot	\$34,000
• Benches and trash containers	\$3,000
• Drinking fountain	\$2,000
• Water line installation	\$5,000
• Signage	\$1,000
• Pet waste stations (4 total)	\$4,400
• Architectural design	\$6,000
• Contingency	\$9,000

Operating Costs

Operating costs include the costs associated with regular maintenance of the facility, as well as periodic turf repair and amenity replacement. Based on the analysis, the maintenance costs will be nominal.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to develop a dog park is estimated to be \$73,900. Funding for this project is anticipated from the Orange County Board of Supervisors via Supervisor Janet Nguyen's office.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

The development of a dog park meets the goals of the Community Vision by improving the quality of life for residents by providing additional community facilities, including gathering places for recreational activities.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council:

- Approve Garden Grove Park as the location for the proposed dog park,
- Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Supervisor Nguyen conveying the details of the City's request for funding, and
- Authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary documents related to the project.

KIMBERLY HUY
Director

By: Janet Pelayo
Administrative Analyst

Attachment: Potential Dog Park Site Drawing