



CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARKS, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL
COMMISSION

DATE: February 17, 2015
TO: Parks, Recreation, Marina & Cultural Commission (PRMCC)
FROM: Tim Tucker, City Engineer
SUBJECT: Dog Park

ACTION

Provide direction to staff

BACKGROUND

Commissioner Olson requested an update on the Dog Park. On July 15 2014 (see attached report) the PRMCC was presented two options for further action on the dog park:

1. Maintain the Dog Park being mentioned in the current Park System Master Plan under Section J4 “Proposed Park Additions, Amenities, Facilities & Design Elements” or
2. Include a Dog Park in Section K “Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) & Priorities”

The PRMCC chose option “1.” This concluded further work on the dog park. The minutes of the meeting were as follows:

“Mr. Salts explained the Dog Park Subcommittee has been discussing the location of a dog park for the last two years. Subcommittee members have visited dog parks, interviewed other agency staff and investigated potential sites in Martinez. The Subcommittee reviewed all City owned property and evaluated recommended sites submitted by an interested party. The only site the Subcommittee recommends that is viable is the Alhambra Avenue Detention Basin site. Mr. Salts explained that the Commission is now at a critical decision point in the process. The Commission can either maintain the Dog Park being mentioned in the current Park System Master Plan under Section J4 “Proposed Park Additions, Amenities, Facilities & Design Elements” or include Dog Park in Section K “Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) & Priorities.”

Should the PRMCC wish to change their decision they will need to provide direction to staff.

Attachment: Dog Staff of Report July 15, 2014



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BACKGROUND

The Dog Park subcommittee has been working on and off for the last two years visiting dog parks, interviewing other agency staff and investigating potential site in Martinez for a dog park. The subcommittee reviewed all City owned property and evaluated recommended sites submitted by an interested party. The only site the subcommittee recommends as viable is the Alhambra Avenue Detention Basin site (see attached plan.)

The Commission is now at a critical decision point in the process. The Commission can either:

1. Maintain the Dog Park being mentioned in the current Park System Master Plan under Section J4 "Proposed Park Additions, Amenities, Facilities & Design Elements" or
2. Include Dog Park in Section K "Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) & Priorities"

Attached is a draft Fact Sheet on the potential Alhambra Avenue Dog Park" which provides: a general description, existing improvements, maintenance needs and proposed improvements.

There are both pros and cons for the development of a dog park:

Pros include:

1. There are no existing dog parks in Martinez.
2. Some desire for a dog park has been voiced to the PRMCC and Council.
3. Dog parks provide an enclosed site where dogs and dog owners can socialize.
4. May discourage dogs off leash at Nancy Boyd Park

Cons include:

1. The proposed site will be expensive to construct due to the lack of access.
2. Dog parks have been shown to require a high level of maintenance.
3. A large dog park is within ½ mile of the City Limits
4. Briones Open Space in and adjacent to Martinez allows dogs off leash.
5. The site will not be available for portions of the rainy season.

Should the PRMCC vote to Include Dog Park in Section K “Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) & Priorities” the subcommittee will schedule a workshop to be held at Nancy Boyd Park community room.

Tasks:

1. Review other dog parks. (Completed)
2. Determine minimum and maximum area and other design criteria (completed)
3. Develop a preferred location (pending PRMCC approval)
4. Review locations with Park Maintenance Staff and Supervisors (not supportive due to staffing issues.)
5. CEQA Compliance
6. PRMCC approval to amend Park Master Plan to include a dog park.
7. City Council approval of Master Plan amendment
8. Inclusion into CIP
9. Fund and construct

FISCAL IMPACT:

The dog park is not eligible to be funded with Measure H funds. In addition it is possible that not all parks will be completely renovated with Measure H funds. A dog park will need to compete for available funding with existing Project Priorities should it be placed on the list. Additional funding will need to be identified to construct the Alhambra Avenue frontage improvements as part of providing safe access to the project.