



CITY OF MARTINEZ

PARKS, RECREATION, MARINA & CULTURAL
COMMISSION

DATE: September 18, 2012
TO: Parks, Recreation, Marina & Cultural Commission (PRMCC)
FROM: Tim Tucker, City Engineer
SUBJECT: Dog Park Update

ACTION

Accept report

BACKGROUND

At the June PRMCC meeting staff and subcommittee members outlined the tasks required to construct a dog park in Martinez. The subcommittee is currently working on items 1, 2 and 3 below.

Tasks:

1. Review other dog parks.
2. Determine minimum and maximum area and other design criteria
3. Review locations with Park Maintenance Staff and Supervisors
4. Develop a preferred location
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

REVIEW OF OTHER DOG PARKS

Staff and commissioner Patchin visited three dog parks this month. Two were located in Concord at Baldwin Park and Newell Community Park. The subcommittee met with Concord staff at Baldwin Park. The third dog park was Heather Farms Park Dog Park in Walnut Creek.

LESSONS LEARNED

Minimum size is 1.5 acres.

Separate small and large dog areas needed (Although users will not comply with keeping small dogs out of large dog areas)

Grass is problematic at all parks

Should only expect a hand full of users

Shade is mandatory

Water is mandatory

Nearby parking is mandatory

Disposable bag stations mandatory

Posting of rules

ADA access

Do not expect users to pick up after dogs

Dogs digging and gofers problematic

A high level of maintenance is required by City staff.

Parks need to close once per week, one month minimum per spring and after rain events.