



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: 1/8/2020

From: Steve Beaty, Recreation Supervisor
Noreen Leek, Recreation Manager

Subject: Dog Park Resurfacing

Purpose

Maintain high-quality recreation facilities for community interaction.

Recommendation

Review resurfacing options for the Dog Park, consider community input, and make a formal recommendation to City Council regarding the preferred option.

Background

On September 25th, 2019, the Recreation Facilities Subcommittee along with the City Council Recreation Liaisons met with stakeholders at the dog park. The purpose of this meeting was to engage the stakeholders and gather input regarding their overall preferences at the park. Although the majority of the meeting was spent discussing park amenities such as seating, water, shade, etc., several residents initiated conversations about park surfacing.

Discussion

In the past, dog park users have expressed a preference for grass, and have been vocal about their dissatisfaction regarding the overall condition of the grass. Given the nature of use on the grass at the dog park and that it is a highly concentrated area, it is important to note that the City's approach towards maintenance of the dog park will not result in the turf condition mirroring that of the Community Park. In recent years, there seems to be a shift towards support for alternate surfacing options such as artificial turf or decomposed granite.

Recently, staff reviewed 24 local dog parks and found only 3 facilities to have any real grass. In all 3 cases, the grass areas were significantly larger than that of Brisbane's (which means less concentrated use) and the condition of the grass at these locations was either similar to or worse than the condition of ours.

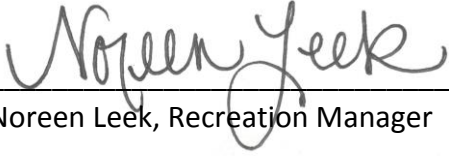
At this time, the Commission should review the various alternative resurfacing options (*Attachment 1*) and estimated costs (*Attachment 2*) and weigh the pros and cons. The Commission may elect to discuss further at a future meeting but must ultimately make a recommendation to City Council.

Fiscal Impact

To be determined. Capital costs range from \$3,500-\$100,000 not including recurring maintenance expenses.

Attachments

1. Dog Park Surface Examples
2. Dog Park Surface Options & Estimated Costs



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Mission Bay Dog Park—San Francisco

Gravel play area & artificial turf pads/tree wells.



Foster City Dog Park—Foster City

Artificial Turf + DG area & walking paths.



Village Green—Mountain View

Artificial Turf



Main Street Agility Dog Park—Redwood City

DG



Dog Park Surface Options & Estimated Costs

Option	Capital Cost	Reoccurring Costs	Pros	Cons
Reseeding		\$3,500 2x/year to reseed plus maintain evenness of surface w/compost or soil.	Reseeding can be done on one-half of the park at a time.	Park (portion) is unavailable for use for 6-8 weeks 2x/year. Watering is required daily during 6-8 week reseeded and 3-4 times/week afterwards. Center section of park will continue to show signs of extensive wear.
Sod	\$25,000-\$35,000	Will most likely need to follow same reoccurring maintenance as for reseeded.	Based on park current condition, doing sod first, and scheduling reseeded as maintenance will result in a more finished product.	All of park is unavailable for 6-8 weeks during root system development. Watering is required daily for first 2 weeks, and then 3-4 days per week. More expensive than reseeded, but is equally lacking in durability.
Artificial Turf w/existing irrigation system	\$60,000-\$100,000 \$12 to \$20 per sq. foot depending on site prep needs. Current grass area is 200ft by 25ft or 5,000 sq. ft	The "regular" maintenance would be somewhat less than maintenance costs for natural grass, but involves regular spraying of disinfectant or water, debris removal, and brushing.	Expected life is 15-20 years. Park is available more days per year than reseeded or sod option. Minimal water use to wash down turf. Installation is 2-3 weeks.	Initial cost.
Hardscape – stabilized DG or pea gravel	\$15,000-\$20,000	The regular maintenance would be significantly less than mowing of reseeded turf or sod. Additional maintenance if trees or artificial turf are included.	Expected life is similar to artificial turf. Park is available more days per year than reseeded or sod option. No water use. Installation is 3-4 weeks. This option could include some small adjoining artificial turf areas or tree wells.	Initial cost.