

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

To: City Council via City Manager

From: Administrative Services Director

Subject: Adding Additional Fencing at the Dog Park to Create a Separate Area for Smaller Dogs.

Date: February 21, 2012

Purpose:

Provide a safe and enjoyable environment for dogs and their owners to play and socialize.

Recommendation:

The Parks and Recreation Commission voted to recommend the City Council approve a \$3,300 supplemental budget request to add additional fencing in the dog park.

Background:

At the June 15, 2011 the Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the issue of dogs being off leash in the City's Community Park. There was not deemed to be enough citizen input at this meeting so the item was carried over to the July 20, 2011 Commission meeting. Based on the input at this meeting it was determined to put up additional signs in the Community Park stating dogs needed to be on leash and also that dogs were allowed off leash at the City's dog park. One issue which came up at this meeting was, some owners of smaller dogs were uncomfortable bringing their dogs to the dog park where bigger dogs played.

At the October 19, 2011 Commission meeting the Commission appointed a subcommittee to meet with people who use the dog park to determine if there could be an area set aside for smaller dogs. The subcommittee and people who use and assist in policing the dog park met and decided there could be an area which could be fenced off for smaller dogs. The area is towards the Purcell-Murray building of the dog park. Staff received a quote of \$3,300 for the additional fencing needed to separate the two areas. Staff noted this item was not in the budget and therefore could not be done without Council approving a supplemental appropriation.

Discussion:

At their January 18, 2012 meeting the Parks and Recreation Commission voted to request the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation to allow for the addition of fencing in the dog park to create an area for smaller dogs to be separated from larger dogs. There was no discussion on the size or weight of the dogs. It was assumed that the dog owners would make this determination themselves.

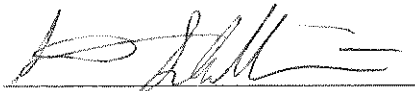
Fiscal Impact:

The quote received was \$3,300 for the fencing needed to section off a portion of the dog park. There are no funds available for this project so any funds would need to come from reserves.

Staff expressed its concern at the Commission meeting that items like this should wait until the new budget year and be incorporated in the 2012/13 budget if it was a high enough priority.

Measure of Success

More smaller dogs use the dog park.



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