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**City of Los Altos
Parks & Recreation Commission**

**Public Workshop
Fenced-in Dog Park &
Off-Leash Hours Program
Proposals**

February 12 & 29, 2020



Introductions

Parks and Recreation Commission

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*Vice Chair **Stuart Eckmann**

Commissioner **Pete Dailey**

Commissioner **Tanya Lindermeier**

*Commissioner **Teresa Morris**

*Commissioner **Scott Spielman**

Commissioner **Jonathan Weinberg**

* Dog Park Subcommittee

City Council Liaison **Lynette Lee Eng**

City of Los Altos Staff

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Recreation & Community Services Director

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Municipal Services Director

Trevor Marsden, Management Analyst

Jaime Chew, Recreation Manager

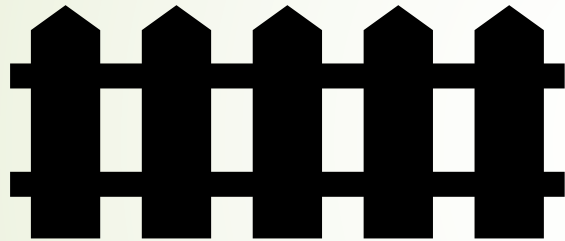
Bridget Matheson, Recreation Supervisor

Casey Richardson, Office Assistant II

Purpose of Public Workshops

- Provide background and information
- Fulfill City Council direction
- Review dog park types
- Review proposed locations
- Engage and solicit input from neighbors, dog owners and general public
- Answer questions

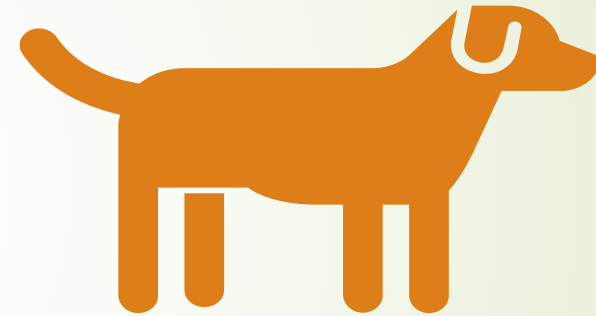
Dog Park Types:



Fenced-in Dog Park

Dedicated

Open from sunrise to sunset



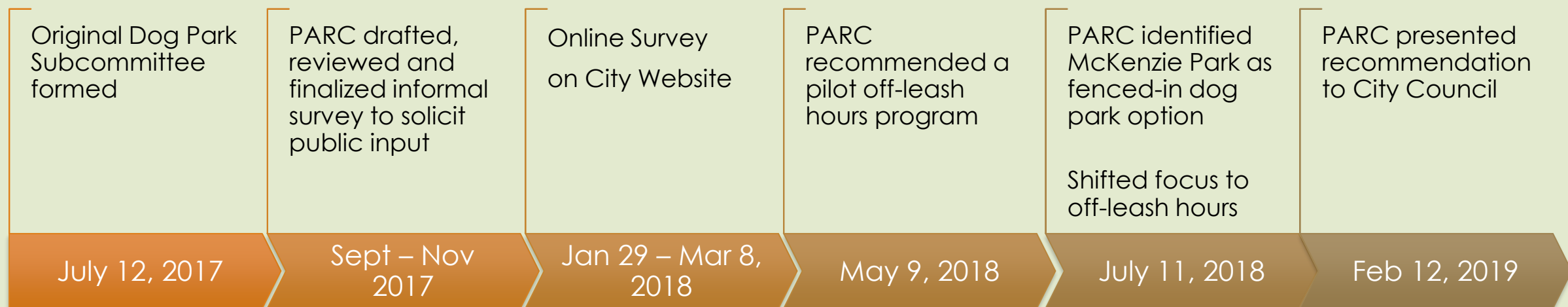
Off-Leash Hours Program

Shared with an existing venue

during specific hours

Timeline

- FY 2008-2009 City Council included a Dog Park Project in the Budget. The Project was placed on hold until a site was identified.
- May 8, 2012 City Council adopted the Los Altos Park Plan including the aspiration to identify a dog park location including a 2010 scientific Godbe survey, criteria for dog park and ideal design features.



City Council Direction – February 12, 2019

City Council directed staff to work with the Parks and Recreation Commission to fully develop a pilot program proposal with an implementation plan to include off-leash dog hours at one or two parks, with limited hours, a public noticing plan and educational signage. Concurrently, staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission shall further explore and develop a recommendation for a designated, fenced-in dog park. The proposal for the off-leash hours shall come back to Council for final review before implementation, along with the PARC recommendation for a fenced-in dog park.

Parks and Recreation Commission

- Formation of existing Parks and Recreation Commission on May 8, 2019
- New Recreation & Community Services Director/Commission Liaison started on July 2, 2019
- New Dog Park Subcommittee appointed on August 14, 2019
- Reviewed and discussed dog park types, options, locations, outreach and workshop format from August 2019 to February 2020
- Recommended two locations for two pilot off-leash hours program at Hillview Baseball Field and Heritage Oaks Park
- Recommended two options for one fenced-in dog park at McKenzie Park and South Lincoln Park
- The Commission will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2020, to discuss a final recommendation for City Council

Public Outreach Efforts



4 Public Workshops: Options for a Dedicated Fenced-In Park & Off-Leash Hours Program

The City of Los Altos Parks and Recreation Commission is hosting four drop-in workshops for the public to provide feedback on two different types of dog park options.

<p>Wednesday, February 12</p> <p>Workshop 1: 7 to 8pm Workshop 2: 8 to 9pm</p> <p>Shoup Park Garden House 400 University Avenue</p>	<p>Saturday, February 29</p> <p>Workshop 3: 10 to 11am Workshop 4: 11am to 12pm</p> <p>Grant Park Multi-Purpose Room 1570 Holt Avenue</p>
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For more information contact:
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Flyer



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Interactive workshops will include:

- A review of history, criteria, pros & cons
- Fenced-in Dog Park options at McKenzie Park and South Lincoln Park
- Off-Leash Hours Program options at Hillview Baseball Field and Heritage Oaks Park
- Opportunity to comment, anonymously

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Postcards

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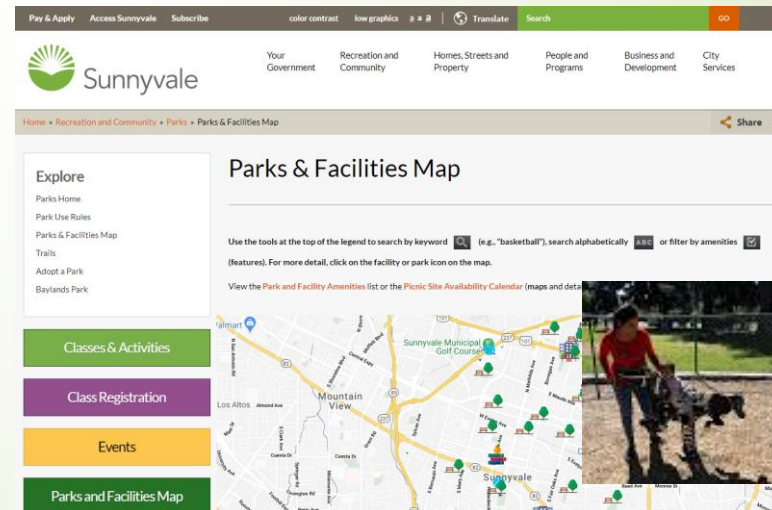
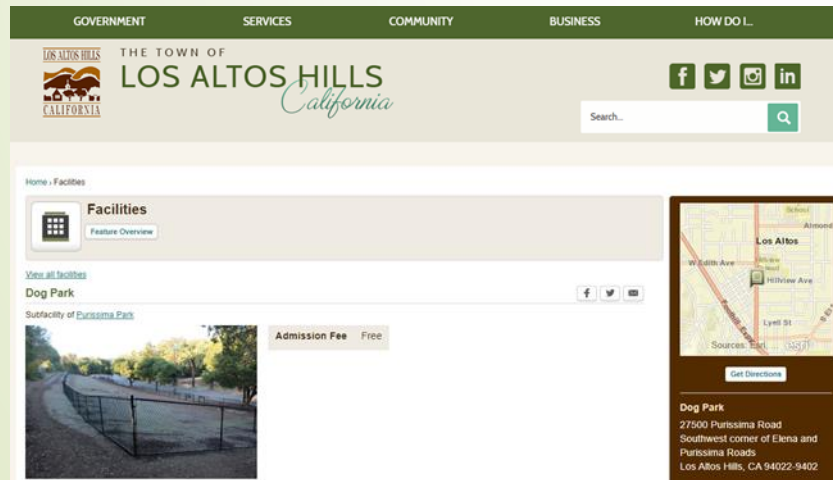
- Press Release and paid ads in Town Crier
- City and Department social media (Constant Contact, Instagram, Next door, Website, Facebook, Eventbrite, etc.)
- City Manager's Weekly Update
- City News & Announcements
- 1,000-foot Notice to four locations (500 ft is required) = 3,250 pieces mailed, including previous dog obedience students and previous PARC dog park speakers (last 2 years)
- Distribution of Flyers (City Hall, library, centers, Animal Control, vets & dog businesses, etc.)
- Park Signs (11 parks)

Did You Know...

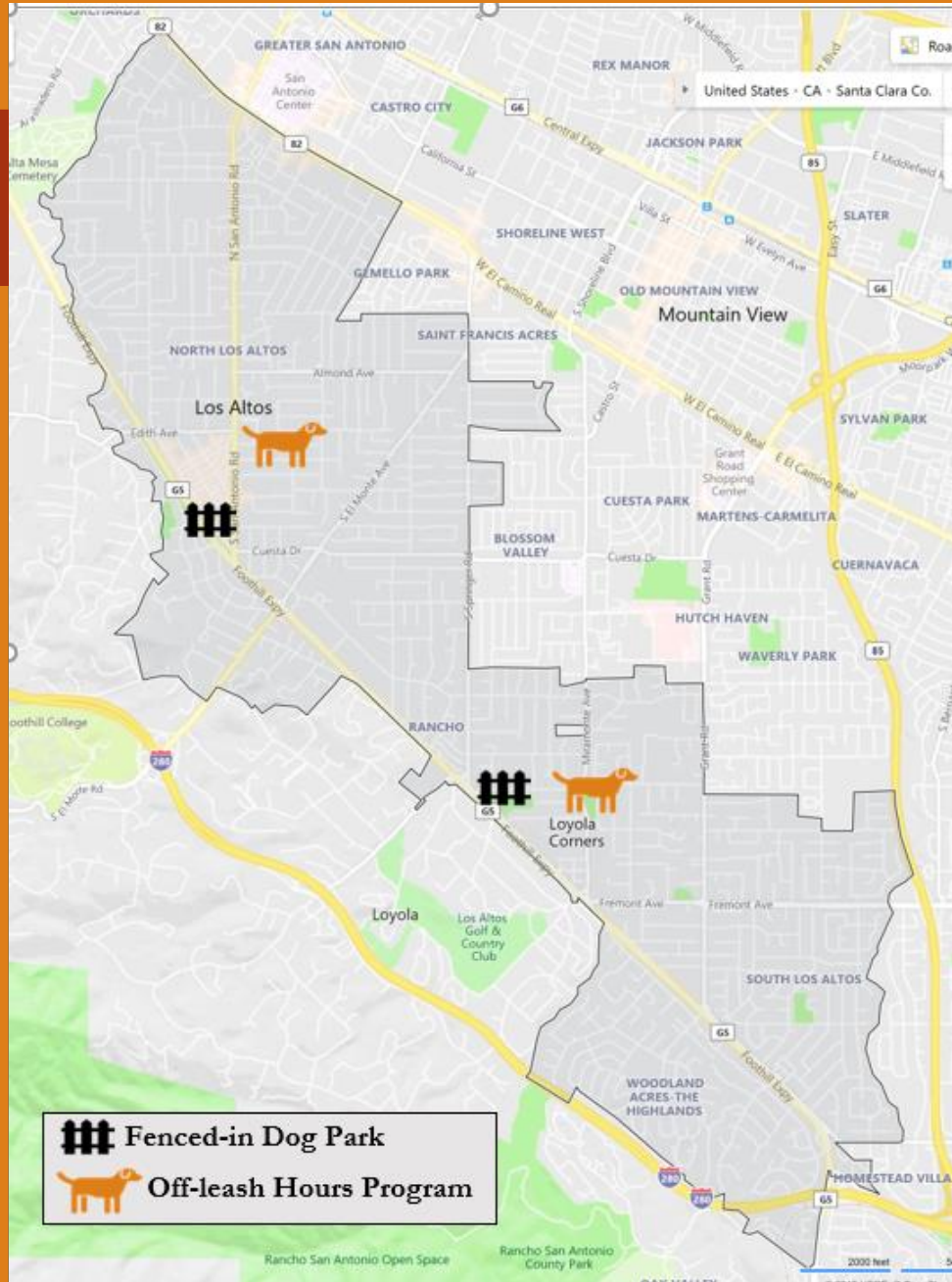
- Approximately 3,800 dogs are licensed in Los Altos
- There are 30,500 residents in Los Altos
- There are 10,700 households in Los Altos (2010 Census)
- Approximately 35% of households have dogs

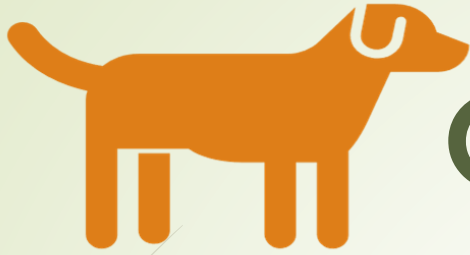


Neighboring Cities with Dog Park Programs



Dog Park City Map





Off-Leash Hours Program

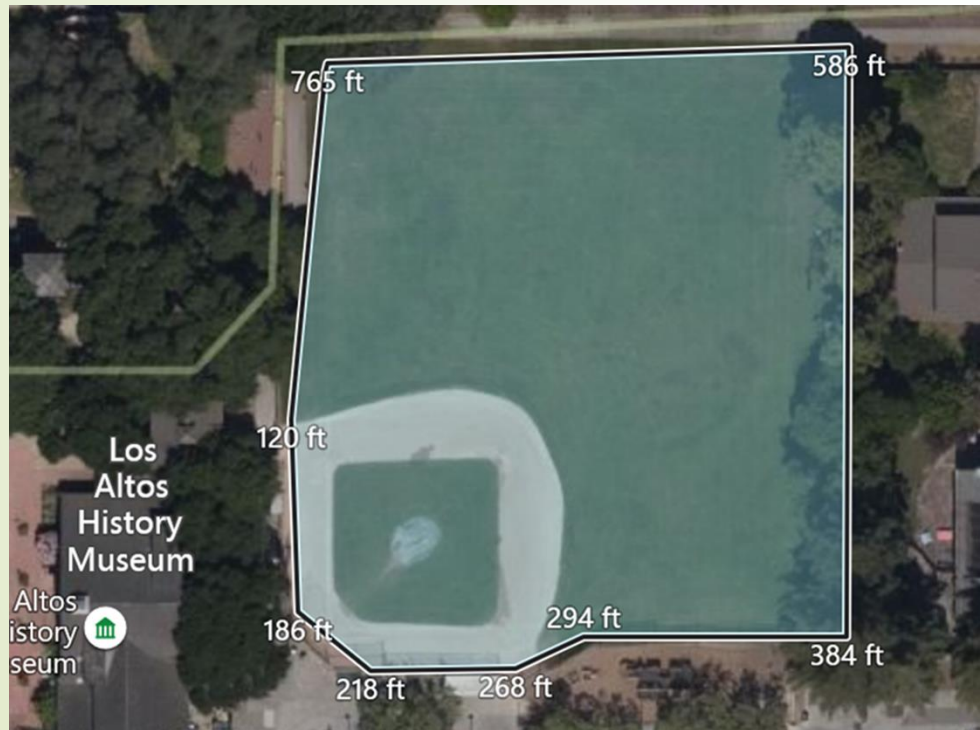
Design Criteria

- Sufficient room for off-leash activities
- Sufficient buffer between the park and residences/places of worship
- Access to water (drinking fountain or spigot)
- Seating located away from perimeter fence
- Covered trashcans/waste disposal stations
- Free doggie bags
- Pilot area should not be used as a sports field
- At least one pilot location should be convenient to north and south Los Altos
- Sufficient parking
- Clear and well-placed signs that post off-leash park rules



Off-Leash Hours Program

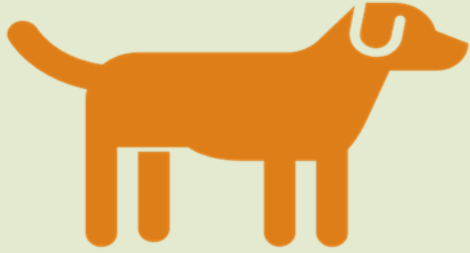
Proposed Locations



Hillview Baseball Field



Heritage Oaks Park



Proposed Off-Leash Hours

Hillview Baseball Field

February to Mid-November (9.5 months)

<u>Days</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Monday to Friday	6 to 9 am	7 pm to sunset
Saturday & Sunday	6 to 9 am	5 pm to sunset

Heritage Oaks Park

February to May and September to Mid-November (6.5 months)

<u>Days</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Monday to Sunday	6 to 9 am	
Saturday & Sunday		4 pm to sunset
Monday to Friday		5:30 pm to sunset

June to August (3 months)

<u>Days</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Monday to Sunday	6 to 9 am	4 pm to sunset



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Evaluation of Pilot Program

- Feedback from residents and users
- Review of incidents reported to Palo Alto Animal Control and Los Altos PD
- Analysis of actual cost vs. expected cost
- Legal issues
- Field conditions
- Attendance and usage



Fenced-in Dog Park

Design Criteria

- Sufficient room for off-leash activities
- Access to bathrooms
- Double entry system
- Sufficient buffer between the park and residences/places of worship
- Access to water (drinking fountain or spigot)
- Surface medium and maintenance regimen to ensure sanitary conditions and a pleasant visit
- Small tables and seating away from perimeter fence
- Covered trashcans/waste disposal stations
- Free doggie bags
- Sufficient parking
- Clear and well-placed signs that post off-leash park rules



Fenced-in Dog Park

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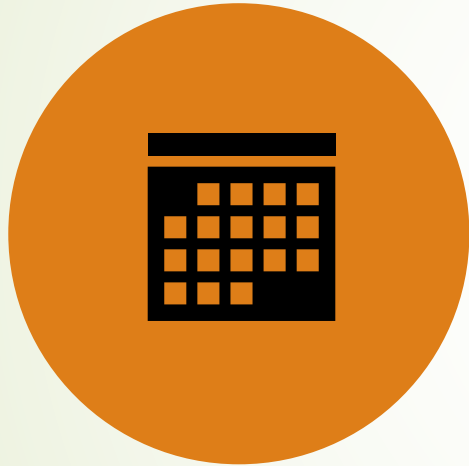
McKenzie Park



South Lincoln Park (Reduced on February 3, 2020)



Fenced-in Dog Park Timeline & Funding



FY 2020-21
PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN





ALLOCATED BUT NOT APPROVED
UP TO \$250,000 PARK-IN-LIEU FUNDS



Next Steps - Instructions



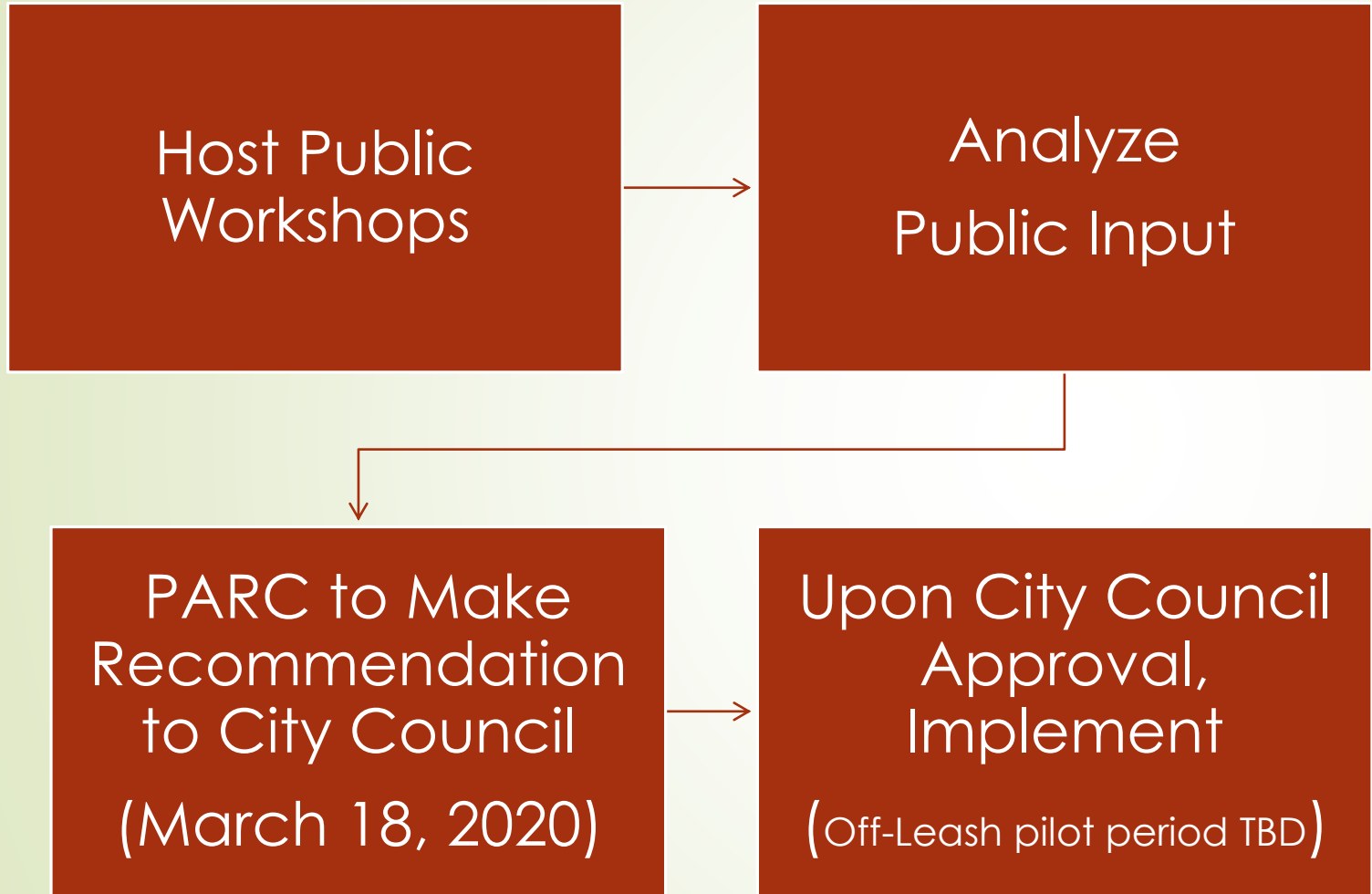
<p>Please Print Legibly</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Street Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>Dog Owner: Yes No (Circle One) 1</p>	<p>Off-Leash Hours Pilot Program Locations </p> <p>SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hillview Baseball Field Off-Leash Hours: <input type="checkbox"/> I do not want an off-leash pilot program at all:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Oaks Park Off-Leash Hours: <input type="checkbox"/> I want an off-leash pilot program but not at these locations:</p> <p>NOTE: If not in these locations, where: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Both Locations Off-Leash Hours: 1</p>
<p>Instructions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Listen to the presentation 2. Read all posters 3. Consider each proposal (fenced-in dog park and off-leash hours) separately 4. Select one off-leash hours option 5. Select one fenced-in option 6. Separate your cards along the perforations 7. Drop your cards in the coordinating colored box 8. Thank you for only participating once 	<p>Fenced-In Dog Park Pilot Locations </p> <p>SELECT ONE OPTION ONLY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> McKenzie Park Fenced-In: <input type="checkbox"/> I do not want a fenced-in dog park at all</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> South Lincoln Fenced-In: <input type="checkbox"/> I want a fenced-in pilot dog park but not at these locations:</p> <p>NOTE: If not in these locations, where: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Both Locations Fenced-In: 1</p>

- Read all posters
- Select 1 of 5 options for off-leash hours
- Select 1 of 5 options for fenced-in dog park
- Separate cards, place in color-coded boxes
- Talk to Commissioners or City staff
- Provide additional comments
- Thank you for Participating

Comment Card

Optional Contact Information:
(Phone or Email)

May we contact you?
(Check the box for yes)





**Please refer all questions to
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Commissioners or City staff**

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*We Create Community through
People, Parks and Programs*