City of Los Altos
Parks & Recreation Commission

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

February 12 & 29, 2020
Introductions

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Commissioner Tanya Lindermeier
*Commissioner Teresa Morris
*Commissioner Scott Spielman
Commissioner Jonathan Weinberg
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Recreation & Community Services Director

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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.

- **July 12, 2017**  Original Dog Park Subcommittee formed
- **Sept – Nov 2017**  PARC drafted, reviewed and finalized informal survey to solicit public input
- **Jan 29 – Mar 8, 2018**  Online Survey on City Website
- **May 9, 2018**  PARC recommended a pilot off-leash hours program
- **July 11, 2018**  PARC identified McKenzie Park as fenced-in dog park option
- **Feb 12, 2019**  PARC presented recommendation to City Council

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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

Postcards

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.

Interactive workshops will include:
- A review of history, criteria, pros & cons
- Fenced-in Dog Park options at McAfee Park and South Lincoln Park
- Off-Leash Hours Program options at Hillview Baseball Field and Heritage Dog Park
- Opportunity to comment anonymously

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4 Public Workshops:
Options for a Fenced-In Dog Park and Off-Leash Hours Program

Wed, February 12
Workshop 1: 7 to 8pm
Workshop 2: 8 to 9pm
Shoup Park
Garden House
400 University Avenue

Sat, February 29
Workshop 3: 10 to 11am
Workshop 4: 11am to 12pm
Grant Park
Multi-Purpose Room
1570 Holt Avenue

Flyer
Public Outreach Efforts

• 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
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

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| **February to May and September to Mid-November** (6.5 months) | **Morning** 6 to 9 am  | **Evening** 4 pm to sunset  |
| **Days**                  |                               |                               |
| Monday to Sunday          |                               |                               |
| Saturday & Sunday         |                               |                               |
| Monday to Friday          |                               |                               |

| **June to August** (3 months) | **Morning** 6 to 9 am  | **Evening** 4 pm to sunset  |
| **Days**                  |                               |                               |
| Monday to Sunday          |                               |                               |

**Hillview Baseball Field**

**Heritage Oaks Park**
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

Proposed Locations

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

- 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

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<td>1. Listen to the presentation</td>
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<td>2. Read all posters</td>
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<td>3. Consider each proposal (fenced-in dog park and off-leash hours) separately</td>
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<td>4. Select one off-leash hours option</td>
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<td>5. Select one fenced-in option</td>
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<td>6. Separate your cards along the perforations</td>
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<td>7. Drop your cards in the color-coded collection box</td>
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<td>Optional contact information, (phone or email)</td>
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<td>May we contact you? (Check the box for yes)</td>
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Please Print Legibly

| Name: |
| Street Address: |
| City: |
| Email: |

Dog Owner: Yes No
(Circle One) 1

[ ] I do not want an off-leash pilot program at all
[ ] I want an off-leash pilot program but not at these locations:
NOTE: If not in these locations, where:

[ ] I do not want a fenced-in dog park at all
[ ] I want a fenced-in pilot dog park but not at these locations:
NOTE: If not in these locations, where:
Host Public Workshops

PARC to Make Recommendation to City Council (March 18, 2020)

Analyze Public Input

Upon City Council Approval, Implement (Off-Leash pilot period TBD)
Please refer all questions to Parks and Recreation Commissioners or City staff

We Create Community through People, Parks and Programs