

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Memo No. 17

Date: May 01, 2023

To: Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee

From: Matthew W. Szabo, City Administrative Officer



Subject: **RECREATION AND PARKS – SUNLAND PARK DOG PARK**

RECOMMENDATION

This Office recommends to note and file this memorandum.

DISCUSSION

During its consideration of the 2023-24 Proposed Budget, the Budget, Finance and Innovation Committee (Committee) requested the Department of Recreation and Parks (Department) to report on the resources needed to design and construct a dog park at Sunland Park. The Department's response is attached.

Sunland Park is located at 8651 Foothill Boulevard in the Sunland community of the City. The Department estimates that \$3,800,000 is required to renovate the western portion of Sunland Park in order to accommodate a new dog park, based on an initial conceptual plan formulated by Department staff. The proposed scope of work for this project includes the following:

- Construction of a new small dog park and a new large dog park;
- Removal of the park's half-court basketball court;
- Renovation of existing park amenities such as the skate park, two tennis courts, and full basketball court;
- Installation of new outdoor fitness equipment; and,
- Installation of shade structures in the dog park, new landscaping and irrigation, and new walkways to connect the various proposed amenities.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The recommendation to note and file this memorandum will have no fiscal impact. Should this item be funded, offsetting revenues or reductions to appropriations need to be identified.

FINANCIAL POLICY COMPLIANCE

The recommendation in this memorandum complies with the City's Financial Policies.

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Question No. 143

Attachment

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The Honorable Bob Blumenfield, Chair
Budget and Finance Committee
Los Angeles City Council
c/o the City Clerk, City Hall Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

ATTN: Andrew Suh, Legislative Assistant

RE: FISCAL YEAR (FY') 2023-24 BUDGET IMPACT QUESTION NO. 143 – Report on the resources needed to design and construct a dog park at Sunland Park.

Dear Chairman Blumenfield:

Question No. 143: Report on the resources needed to design and construct a dog park at Sunland Park.

The Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) currently operates thirteen (13) off-leash dog parks across the City. Of those thirteen (13) off-leash dog parks, two (2) are located in the San Fernando Valley; one at the Whitnall Dog Park in North Hollywood and the other at the Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area.

RAP Off-Leash Dog Park Policy

On September 1, 1999, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved an Off-Leash Dog Exercise Area Policy (Report No. 382-99). The purpose of the RAP's Off Leash Dog Exercise Area Policy (Policy) was to establish a mechanism by which dog owners have the opportunity to recreate with their dogs off-leash within designated park areas. The Policy is used in conjunction with RAP's Off-Leash Dog Exercise Area Guidelines (Guidelines). The purpose of the Guidelines is to assist in the design, development and operation of off-leash dog exercise areas in the City.

As detailed in the Guidelines, the key factors to be considered in selecting an off-leash dog exercise area are distance from adjacent land uses, relationship to other recreational uses, size, availability of parking, and accessibility. Per the Guidelines, designated off-leash dog exercise areas should meet various standards including being placed at an appropriate distance for residential and commercial users, being large



enough to accommodate both big dog and small dogs, and to be placed in an area of a park that does not disrupt another recreational use.

Sunland Park

Sunland Park is a 14.32 acre park located at 8651 Foothill Boulevard in the Sunland community of the City. This park is currently improved with a recreation center, a senior center, baseball/multipurpose fields, a children's play area, basketball and tennis courts, outdoor fitness equipment, and a skate park.

Proposed Sunland Park Off-Leash Dog Park

At the request of Council District Seven, RAP staff has conducted a preliminary evaluation of Sunland Park to determine if there is an appropriate location for a potential new dog park.

Based on that evaluation, and an assessment of the existing recreational resources at Sunland Park, RAP staff has developed an initial conceptual plan for the renovation of the western portion of Sunland Park in order to accommodate a new dog park. In order to minimize the disruption to existing recreational resources in this area of the park, and in recognition of the need to upgrade existing park amenities in this location, the project concept that RAP had developed proposes the reorganization of the existing recreational amenities in this portion of the park.

The proposed scope of work for the project would include the construction of a new small dog park, a new large dog park, the removal of the half-court basketball court, renovation of the existing skate park, renovation of the two (2) tennis courts, renovation of the full court basketball court, and installation of new outdoor fitness equipment. The project would also include the installation of shade structures in the dog park, new landscaping and irrigation, and new walkways to connect the various proposed amenities.

No funding has been identified at this time to implement the project. At this time, it is estimated that approximately \$3,800,000 would be required to implement the proposed project.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any members of our budget and finance team.

Sincerely,



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General Manager

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