

# City of Brisbane Agenda Report

To: City Council via City Manager  
From: Jeff Franco, Recreation Coordinator  
Subject: Dog Park Resurfacing  
Date: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Purpose:**

Encourage community interactions at the dog park by maintaining natural turf year-round.

**Recommendation:**

Review the proposal from the Parks & Recreation Commission for resurfacing of the dog park and consider inclusion of the project as part of the Capital Improvement Project process or use a supplemental appropriation to fund the project sooner.

**Background:**

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, the Recreation Facilities subcommittee of the Parks & Recreation Commission met with city staff from Public Works and Parks & Recreation departments to engage dog park stakeholders in the process of reviewing resurfacing options. Dog owners expressed their frustrations regarding the current condition of the park, and conversation ensued with staff to determine the best course of action for the future. Park users were provided an opportunity to denote their resurfacing preferences after reviewing the options to improve the dog park (*Attachment A*) and provided feedback to staff accordingly.

The majority of dog park users expressed their support for natural surfacing over artificial surfacing or hardscape at the dog park. They additionally expressed their desire for new sod versus reseeding. On April 12<sup>th</sup>, the Commission heard from several dog park stakeholders, reviewed a redesign proposal schematic provided by one resident, and examined the various resurfacing options. After weighing the pros and cons for each option, the Commission agreed on a proposal that they felt would best suit the needs of the park users (Diagram as described below to be provided at the meeting).

The Commission is recommending an extension of the existing decomposed granite hardscaping at the north end of the park by approximately 100 square feet. It would include to see a short fence and gate installed across the width of the park to enclose the hardscaped space as a small dog area which could also be used during inclement weather, and while maintenance is being conducted on the remainder of the park. Between the two hardscape areas at either end of the park, the Parks & Recreation Commission is proposing for new sod to be installed. Installation of new sod would result in a closure of the park for approximately 6-8 weeks during root system development and watering would be required daily for the first two weeks. In order to maintain the sod over time, watering would need to occur 3-4 days per week with regular reseeding. During times of drought, watering frequency would likely need to be reduced, which would adversely impact the sod. This may require additional funds for reseeding and sod in the future.

**Discussion:**

At this time, we request for the City Council to review the resurfacing options in Attachment A, and to consider the recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Commission. Proposed resurfacing of the dog park with sod and decomposed granite is estimated to cost \$30,000.

**One option the Council has to determine funding for the project would be to wait until the City Council reviews its entire Capital Improvement Project list. This is anticipated to be brought back at a meeting in October. If this is the case the Dog Park will not be able to be improved until after the rainy season and there could potentially be another year with little grass and mud during the winter.**

**Another option is for the City Council to approve a supplemental appropriation from the General Fund's reserve. There is approximately \$1,000,000 available in General Fund Reserves above the amount required by the City Council policy. This will allow staff to begin the process of improving the park prior to the rainy season. This should allow the turf an opportunity to take root before the rainy season and will reduce the amount of mud at he park during the winter months.**

**Fiscal Impact:**

The cost of the project proposed by the Parks and Recreation Commission is \$30,000.

**Attachments:**

- A. Dog Park resurfacing options



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