

**City of Garden Grove**

**INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Matthew Fertal  
**From:** Kimberly Huy  
**Dept.:** City Manager  
**Dept.:** Community Services  
**Subject:** DOG PARK SITE SELECTION  
**Date:** January 22, 2008

OBJECTIVE

To request that City Council select a location for a dog park in Garden Grove.

BACKGROUND

At the December 11, 2007 City Council meeting, staff discussed Garden Grove Park as a potential location for the development of a dog park. At this meeting, City Council directed staff to return with additional information regarding other locations to consider, including cost of each.

DISCUSSION

Staff has identified four locations for the potential development of a dog park, which include Garden Grove Park and three locations along the OCTA Right-of-Way. Several issues were considered when selecting potential locations, including proximity to other facilities (i.e. restrooms, parking, lighting, public utility services), proximity to residential neighborhoods and noise levels, as well available open space.

Staff has provided approximate development costs for a dog park at all four locations. After consideration of the above factors, staff believes that Garden Grove Park is the preferred location for the development of a dog park.

Development Costs

*Garden Grove Park*

The cost for development of a dog park at Garden Grove Park would be approximately \$73,900, for a 9,513 square foot facility. This estimated amount includes the costs for concrete, perimeter fencing, benches, drinking fountains, signage, pet waste stations and architectural services. This park site provides existing restrooms, parking, lighting, public utility services (electricity and water) and limited proximity to residential neighborhoods.

*OCTA Right of Way*

*A. Bixby and Brookhurst*

The cost for development of a dog park at this site would be approximately \$94,650, for a 16,000 square foot facility. This estimated amount includes the costs for concrete, perimeter fencing, benches, grading and addition of ground cover/mulch, signage, pet waste stations and architectural services. A lease agreement would be arranged for the use of existing parking at this location.

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### *B. Paloma and Euclid*

The cost for development of a dog park at this site would be approximately \$149,000, for a 16,000 square foot facility. This estimated amount includes the costs for concrete, perimeter fencing, parking spaces, benches, grading and addition of ground cover/mulch, signage, pet waste stations and architectural services.

### *C. Nutwood and Stanford*

The cost for development of a dog park at this site would be approximately \$178,500, for a 16,000 square foot facility. This estimated amount includes the costs for concrete, perimeter fencing, parking spaces, benches, grading and addition of ground cover/mulch, signage, pet waste stations and architectural services.

The three locations on the OCTA Right of Way would not provide a restroom facility, lighting, or public utility services (electricity and water) for maintenance and drinking fountains. The cost for a manufactured (prefabricated) restroom facility, including sewer and water connections, would be approximately \$75,000.

### Operating Costs

Operating costs include the costs associated with regular maintenance of the facility, as well as periodic turf repair or addition of ground cover/mulch and replacement of amenities. Based on the analysis, the maintenance costs will be nominal.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost to develop a dog park is estimated up to \$250,000. Supervisor Janet Nguyen's office has indicated that funding for this project may be available, and it would only proceed if funding is approved by the Orange County Board of Supervisors.

### COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

The development of a dog park meets the goals of the Community Vision by improving the quality of life for residents by providing additional community facilities, including gathering places for recreational activities.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is staff's recommendation that Garden Grove Park is the preferred location for the development of a dog park; and that the City Council select Garden Grove Park as the location for the proposed dog park.

KIMBERLY HUY

Director

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Attachment: Potential Dog Park Site Maps and Drawing