



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Sara L. Hensley

SUBJECT: FONTANA DOG PARK

DATE: 06-01-04

Approved

Date

Council District: 10
SNI Area: N/A

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of an amendment to the Jeffrey Fontana Park (formerly Golden Oak Park) Master Plan to include an off-leash dog area.

BACKGROUND

Jeffrey Fontana Park (Fontana Park), formerly known as Golden Oak Park, is a ten-acre park within a PG&E east-west right of way between Meridian Avenue on the west, and Almaden Expressway on the east. To the south of the park is a residential neighborhood along Oak Glen Way, Golden Oak Way and Oak Forest Way. The north side is bounded by Oak Post Circle, Thorntree Drive, and the Guadalupe Oak Grove natural reserve.

In accordance with the 1987 Master Plan, the park has been developed with walkways, turf, trees, a par course and play equipment.

ANALYSIS

This action would amend the Jeffrey Fontana Park Master Plan to include the addition of an off-leash area within the park for dogs of the neighboring residents. The off-leash dog area is situated on 0.74 acres within the ten-acre Fontana Park, immediately south of the Guadalupe Oak Grove, and incorporates a PG&E line tower. The site is flat with no vegetation other than a few mature oaks, which will be protected and preserved. The site is offset from residential fencing on the west by 50 feet, and extends eastward to the entrance of the Guadalupe Oak Grove.

The off-leash dog area is sited to remain outside of the existing natural oak preserve to reduce a potential impact to the sensitive native habitat; and is buffered from the adjacent housing by a sufficient distance to minimize impacts, while providing a visually pleasant and sufficiently remote off-leash exercise area for dogs.

The project includes installation of fencing, site furnishings, planting, irrigation, and minor realignment of the existing walkway.

This item was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission for review on March 17, 2004; and the Commission recommended Council approval on May 5, 2004.

Funding for this project is being provided from the Council District 10 Construction and Conveyance Tax Fund (\$75,000), and Proposition 40 grant funds. On January 27, 2004, the City Council approved Resolutions 71943 and 71944, in support of an application for local assistance grant funds up to \$8,088,000 from the Roberti-Z'berg-Harris Urban Open Space and Per Capita Recreation Grant Programs under the 2002 Resources Bond Act (Proposition 40) as administered by the State of California - Department of Parks and Recreation. Fontana Dog Park was included in the City's application, and the City Council approved an allocation of \$275,000 from Proposition 40 monies for the project. Currently, only the Construction and Conveyance Tax Funds are appropriated for this project, however, as the Proposition 40 application for this project is completed, a separate Council action will be brought forth appropriating the remaining funding and revenue associated with this project.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Community meetings for the project were held on August 12, and November 10, 2003. Over 100 people attended the two meetings. In addition, a Neighborhood Dog Park Subcommittee was formed and met three times to develop and review plans.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the City Manager's Budget Office, General Services Department and the Department of Public Works.

COST IMPLICATIONS

1. AMOUNT OF RECOMMENDATION: N/A
2. COST OF PROJECT:

Construction	\$230,000
Project Delivery	97,000
Contingency	<u>23,000</u>
TOTAL	\$350,000
3. SOURCE OF FUNDING: 389 – C&C Tax Fund, Council District 10

4. **FISCAL IMPACT:** This project is consistent with the Council-approved Budget Strategy Economic Recovery section in that it will spur construction spending in our local economy. The annual operations and maintenance costs for this project are estimated to be \$14,000.

BUDGET REFERENCE

Fund #	Appn. #	Appn. Name	RC #	Total Appn.*	Amt. for Contract	Proposed Budget Page	Last Budget Action (Date, Ord. No.)
389	4864	Fontana Dog Park	132693	\$75,000		N/A	2/17/04, Ord. No. 27074
		Total		\$75,000			

*A separate Council memo recognizing the \$275,000 Proposition 40 allocation will be brought forward once the project application has been submitted and approved by the State.

CEQA

Exempt, PP04-03-088.

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and Neighborhood Services