



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Council Session

Item G-20

#2015-100 - Approving Dog Park Location at L. E. Ray Lake

Staff Contact: Todd McCoy

Council Agenda Memo

From: Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting: April 14, 2015

Subject: Approval to Develop a Dog Park at L.E. Ray Park

Item #'s: G-20

Presenter(s): Todd McCoy, Parks and Recreation Director

Background

Off-leash areas otherwise known as “dog parks” have become very popular, not only in Nebraska communities, but across the United States. North Platte, Kearney, Hastings and Lincoln are just a few area communities that enjoy successful dog parks.

The City earmarked \$50,000 in the 2014-15 budget to develop a dog park. A planning committee was formed to recommend a location, amenities, and rules for the new dog park.

Discussion

It is recommended that the dog park be located inside L.E. Ray Park utilizing the existing gravel area immediately west of the restrooms for parking. The space immediately east of the restrooms is to be fenced as to provide separated areas for small and large dogs. The fencing and lake will serve as a barrier to separate the off-leash area from the rest of the park.

Amenities planned will include pet waste stations, seating areas, signage, drinking water, etc. Like other park facilities and activities, the Parks and Recreation Department will post established rules for the dog park.



Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the City Council approve the development of a dog park at L.E. Ray Park.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the development of a dog park at L.E. Ray Park.

RESOLUTION 2015-100

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2015 during the City Council Study Session, a discussion was held on the development of a Dog Park area; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended that the Dog Park be located inside L.E. Ray Park; and

WHEREAS, the space immediately east of the restrooms will be fenced off as to provide a separate area for small and large dogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the development of a Dog Park inside L.E. Ray Park is hereby accepted.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 14, 2015.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☐ _____
April 13, 2015	☐ City Attorney