

City of Seward, NE
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Regular Session

Item G6

**CONSIDERATION OF CONSTRUCTION OF A DESIGNATED
DOG PARK WITHIN THE CITY - Garrett Kuss, Pat Sanley,
Marilyn Varner**

Administrative Report: The Committee and Park and Recreation Board's preferred location is the middle location (on the attached map); second preferred is the furthest south location and the last is the northernmost location.

Following review and discussion, Council to approve the dog park in a specified location or provide other direction.

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PUBLIC REQUEST FOR COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM OR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

DATE:

Feb.

NAME:

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EXPLANATION OF REQUEST:

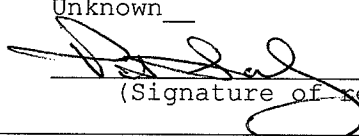
Dog Park presentation

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the construction of a
Seward Dog Park

Will this agenda item require the expenditure of funds? Yes___ No ☒ ~~Unknown~~

Unknown


(Signature of requester)

Pat Sanley
(Print Name)

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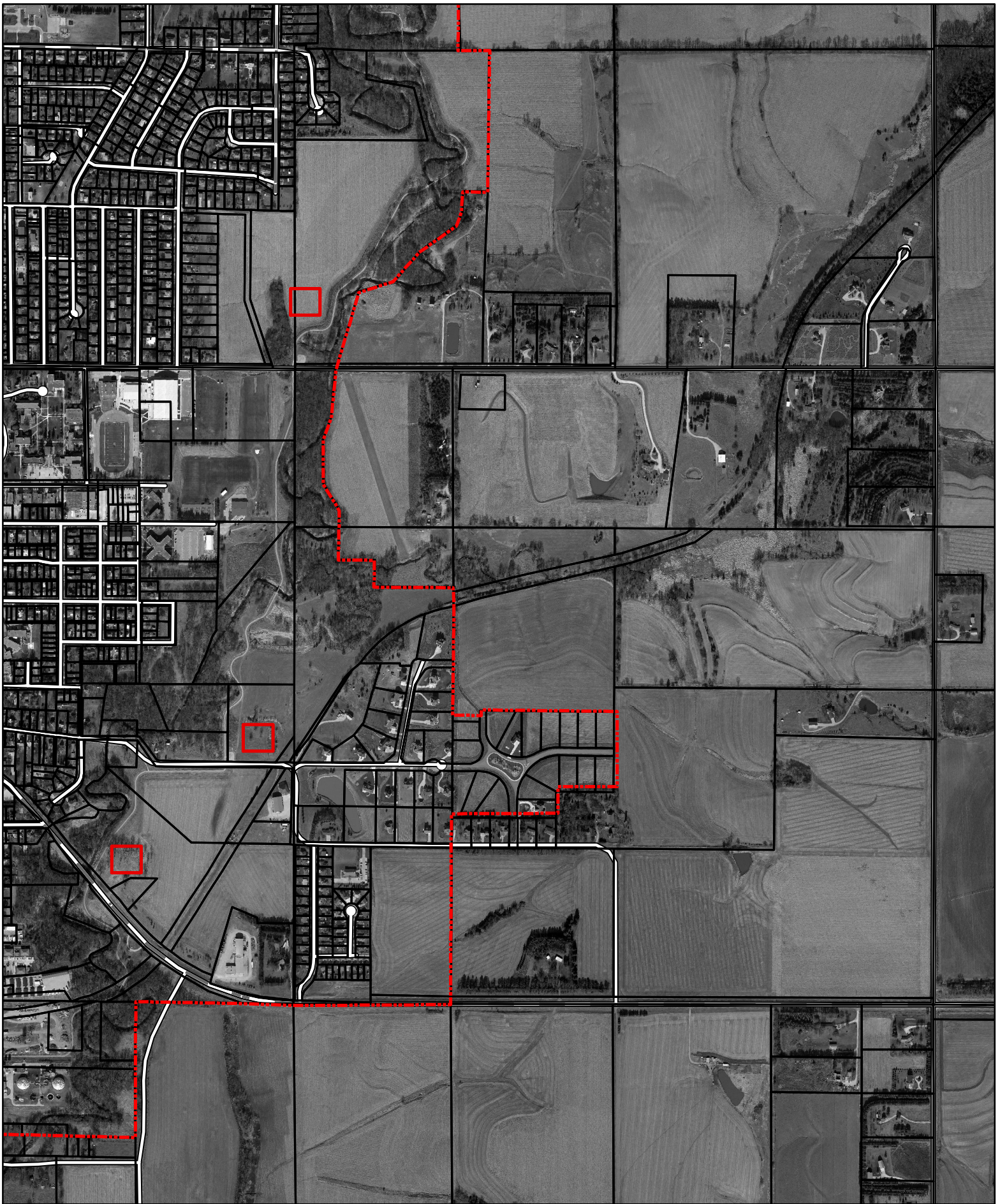
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Future Dog Park Locations

SEWARD DOG PARK

ESTIMATED COSTS – JANUARY 2016

FENCE/GATES 67,600 SQ.FT.(1.55 ACRES)	\$2298.30
INSTALL WATER HYDRANT (CITY WATER DEPT.)	\$300
INSTALL SECURITY LIGHTING (CITY ELECTRIC DEPT.)	\$700
DOG PARK SIGNAGE	\$400
DOG PARK WASTE DISPENSER/BAGS	\$250
PARK BENCHES 4 @ \$250	\$1000
TRASH CANS	\$0
TOTAL	\$4948.30

DONATIONS FOR DOG PARK IN HAND — \$5360.10

The regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Board of the City of Seward, Nebraska, was held on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Building, 142 North 7th Street. Members present: Andrea Baack, Melvin Bolte, Randy Chapp, Kenneth Schmieding, Lana Urban; Absent: Dennis Erks, Justin Hartman, Brady Johnson, Sandy Wright. Others in attendance: Park/Recreation/Cemetery Director Steve Ferguson, Recreation Director Assistant Patricia Sanley, Assistant Park Director Robert Core, Councilmember Ellen Beck, Suzanne, Nikolas & Stefan Gligorevic (SnowMotion).

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in the following places: City Hall, County Courthouse, Seward Memorial Library and Municipal Building. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted at this location for public inspection.

1. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Chairman Bolte is stepping down after 50 years of service, many as Chairman of the Board. The Board commended Bolte for his dedication over the years to the Park & Recreation Board.

Chapp was nominated for Chairman in a motion by Urban, seconded by Baack. No further nominations were received. Chapp was unanimously approved as Chairman. Chapp moved, seconded by Baack, that Wright and Urban serve as Co-Secretaries, Motion carried unanimously. No action taken on the vice-Chairman position, since this item did not appear on the agenda. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

Mayor Eickmeier will soon seek reappointments/replacements for the Baack/Urban/Bolte terms. Committee assignments were tabled until appointments are completed.

2. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Moved by Baack, seconded by Schmieding, that the minutes of October 5, 2015 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

3. DOWDING POOL CONCESSION OPERATION

Suzanne Gligorevic, along with her sons Nikolas and Stefan, offered their services as "SnowMotion" to operate the Dowding Pool concession stand. The Board was mailed a proposal from SnowMotion this past week. Pat Sanley reported that during the years the City ran the concession stand, a loss of revenue occurred. Before the City ran the stand, private families ran it. Vending machines have been used in recent years with profit in 2015 of \$906.00.

SnowMotion is proposing to offer 15 percent of the gross sales in exchange for the use of the space. It is hard to predict future sales, but better menu choices could boost sales. Gross sales of \$6,000 would generate \$900 to the City.

Questions, and discussion followed. Scheduling of concession stand hours would run coincidentally with open pool hours. SnowMotion would carry their own insurance. No cost to the City for construction or setup would occur. Other essential items such as clean-up, not specifically written in the proposal, could be worked on with Steve Ferguson and Pat Sanley.

Moved by Chapp, seconded by Urban, to allow SnowMotion to meet with Steve Ferguson and Pat Sanley to work out details for a mutually-agreed-upon proposal to operate the Dowding Pool Concession Stand, and upon completion, to forward the results to the City Council for their approval. The motion unanimously carried.

4. DOG PARK UPDATE

Pat Sanley presented a report on the progress of the dog park. Donations for the dog park total \$5,361.01. The estimated total cost for construction of the dog park is \$4,948.30, which includes 67,600

square foot of four-feet high welded wire fencing \$2,298.30 (Orscheln Farm & Home bid); installation of water hydrant by City Water Dept. \$300.00; installation of security lighting by City Electric Dept. at entrance \$700.00; Signage \$400.00; Waste dispenser and bags \$250.00; Park benches (4 at \$250.00 each) \$1,000.00; and Trash cans \$0.00 (Public properties have available).

A map of three proposed future dog park locations was distributed. Locations include: East Seward Street near Plum Creek Trail; North of parking lot near the Parade of Flags on East Highway 34; north of East Hillcrest Dr. near Plum Creek Trail (east of future Karol Kay Blvd. extension). The Committee's Number One recommendation is the location on East Seward Street. The Committee has collected 200-300 signatures in favor of a dog park. The space for large dogs is 270 feet by 270 feet, and the space for small dogs is 10 feet by 270 feet.

Discussion followed on hours of operation, maintenance, loitering, etc. The Board proposed the Committee prioritize their locations.

Baack moved, seconded by Chapp, that the dog park committee forward their proposal to the City Council for their approved, with their three preferred locations in order of preference. Motion carried unanimously.

5. SEWARD COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE UPDATE

The City will be maintaining the golf course and has established golf course fees by resolution on January 5, 2016 (copy attached). Bruce Smith and Steve Ferguson have been conducting interviews for the positions of golf course superintendent and shop manager. A golf committee will be appointed from the Board to work closely with administration during the initial season. Councilmember Ellen Beck reported that she is getting citizen input concerning league play and opportunities for play. The City Council is conscious of junior play and fixing fees to allow play for that age group. A new golf cart lease has been signed.

6. WINTER RECREATION/PUBLIC PROPERTIES ACTIVITY REPORT

YOUTH WRESTLING - Wrestling concluded in December. with 55 participants. Bob Core, Josh Schoepf and the high school wrestlers were instructors for the program.

YOUTH BASKETBALL - Youth basketball is underway, with practices being held in January. Games begin January 23 and run until the end of February.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - Women's volleyball continues on Sunday evenings at the elementary school gym. The season will end January 17.

MEN'S BASKETBALL - Men's open gym basketball continues on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the middle school. Their season runs until spring.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL - Registrations will be distributed for youth baseball and softball. Older groups sign up by February 1, with many schedules completed by that time. The younger groups will sign up in February.

POOL - Applications are available at City Hall for summer employment at Dowding Pool. Employment ads will run until January 20, 2016. Interviews will be conducted by the first part of February. Pat Sanley, Doug Pollak and Randy Johner completed and passed the Certified Pool Operator (CPO) course in December. They are certified as operators of aquatic facilities issued by the National Swimming Pool Foundation.

PUBLIC PROPERTIES - Work being completed includes: painting trash cans, repairing picnic tables and park signs, winter maintenance on equipment and painting the shop floor. Snow removal will be completed as needed throughout the winter.

7. THE LAST FIFTY YEARS

Mel Bolte was presented a plaque for his services from the Board at the last meeting. Mr. Bolte made note of some of the accomplishments along the way, including: 1967 Centennial Park is named after Seward's Centennial marking 100 years as a city; In early years, weed whips and walk-behind mowers were used; Steve Ferguson was hired March 3, 1980 and will retire April 15, 2016, with 36 years of service; Plum Creek Trail was built 2001-2003; Plum Creek Sports Complex built in 2002; Seward Dowding Pool renovation 2002-2004, opening in July of 2004; Cattle Athletic Training Facility building opened in 2010;

Mr. Bolte applauded Mr. Ferguson's mentoring service over the years. Mr. Bolte thanked all of the many board members he has served alongside throughout the years. The Board, in return, thanked him for his time and effort to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. in a motion by Chapp, seconded by Bolte. The motion was unanimously approved.

the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Lana Urban, Co-Secretary

Seward Dog Park

My name is Garrett Kuss and I am part of Troop 256. I have been working with the parks and rec. department and the dog park committee to install a dog park in Seward. I have to come to these groups in hopes of making this my eagle project. If approved the Boy Scouts and I would clear the area of debris, and then after the parks and rec. digs the holes with the auger the scouts will fill the holes with the poles and cement. Then we will set up the fencing and install final touches. I have also started a Facebook page to see what interest there is for a dog park in Seward.