



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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## **TITLE**

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING THE MASTER PLAN FOR A FENCED, OFF-LEASH DOG PARK AT ROHR PARK

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Council adopt the resolution.

## **SUMMARY**

Staff has prepared a master plan for a fenced, off-leash dog park at Rohr Park to service the needs of the community who desire to have a designated off-leash dog area. With approval of this item, the City Manager will approve the contract to install the fence and complete the project as discussed in the master plan.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The proposed Project has been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and it has been determined that the Project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Section 15303 class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), Section 15304 Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land), Section 15323 Class 23 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings), and Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

## **BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Parks and Recreation Commission had a scheduled Special Meeting on Monday, April 15 to consider the Rohr Park dog park concept. The Parks and Recreation Commission did not have a quorum that evening with only three Commissioners present. This item was presented to the members who were present, and the Vice-Chair allowed for discussion. The Commissioners who were present expressed no concerns regarding the proposed dog park project. The City Council was presented with a conceptual plan of the Rohr Park dog park at the May 7, 2019 meeting and provided direction to staff to proceed with the design of the dog park.

## **DISCUSSION**

The City of Chula Vista has six parks which include designated off leash, fenced dog runs. The first fenced dog runs built in Chula Vista were in the 2007 development of Veterans Park and Monteville Park. The

other parks with off leash, fenced dog runs are Mt. San Miguel Park, Orange Park, Stylus Park, and Eucalyptus Park. As identified in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update, which was adopted by the City Council on August 7, 2018, there are 9 additional future parks identified to have off leash, fenced dog runs as part of the park program. The closest fenced, off leash dog area to Rohr Park is Eucalyptus Park, which is 4 miles away and serves a different community base.

The fenced dog park at Rohr Park is located at the western end of the park, immediately south of Sweetwater Road. This dog park, about 1.3 acres in size, will activate an underutilized area of Rohr Park by providing a grassy area to exercise dogs and allow for them to play off-leash. A 50' buffer between the residences and the dog park will be maintained.

Dog Park amenities for this site include an ADA accessible double-entry gated corral, separate areas for small and large dogs, benches, signage, trash containers, pet waste stations, and dog gyms. Existing trees will be maintained and protected in place to provide shade. A drinking fountain can be found at the existing restroom building east of the site, with plans to install a drinking fountain with dog bowl closer to the off-leash dog park in the near future. There are also picnic tables and a tot lot nearby.

The dog park will be open daily from 7am to dusk.

#### **DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT**

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 1,000 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(7) or (8), for purposes of the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code §87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision-maker conflict of interest in this matter.

#### **CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT**

The current year fiscal impact to the general fund is estimated at \$94,295 based on the cost estimate prepared by the design team in the Development Services Department inclusive of fencing, gates, dog park amenities, and ADA accessible access.

#### **ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT**

Annual expenses would include the weekly replacement of dog waste bags and turf repair. The annual fiscal impact to the general fund for subsequent years is estimated at \$500.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Rohr Dog Park Master Plan
2. Rohr Dog Park Cost Estimate

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