

CITY OF LA VISTA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 AGENDA

Subject:	Type:	Submitted By:
DISCUSSION – DOG PARK AT LIBRARY/METRO CC SITE	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JOE SOUCIE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS

Subsequent to a citizen request to locate a dog park on land north of and immediately adjacent to Southwind Park and the La Vista Public Library/ Metro Community College Sarpy Center, staff has collected information for review and discussion.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the FY21 budget for the initial establishment of a dog park. Approximate total cost is \$6,600.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on a trial basis.

BACKGROUND

The Mayor and City Council have had previous discussions regarding the potential of locating a dog park in the City and have considered several sites. During FY20 staff put together plans to initiate a “pop-up” dog park location(s) in an effort to determine if and where a “park” such as this might be successful. One of the sites considered during this process was the land north of and adjacent to the Library/Metro Community College Sarpy Center. This land is jointly owned by the City and MCC.

At a City Council meeting on January 19, 2021 two citizens addressed the Council requesting that a dog park be located in the area mentioned above. Council asked for additional information, which staff has compiled.

Public Works has identified a proposed location (map attached) and an initial cost estimate. Anticipated costs include \$5,000 for temporary fencing (photo attached) to be installed and removed by a fence company, \$600 for dog waste stations, and \$1,000 for annual repair costs (overseeding, fertilizing, etc.). Companies that provide K9 waste removal services were contacted and none of them were interested in providing this service for a dog park. Upon further investigation it was determined that local dog parks are typically self-service when it comes to clean up. Signs are posted and waste stations are provided. City maintenance staff will be responsible for mowing, line trimming and overseeding the area as well as servicing the waste stations provided.

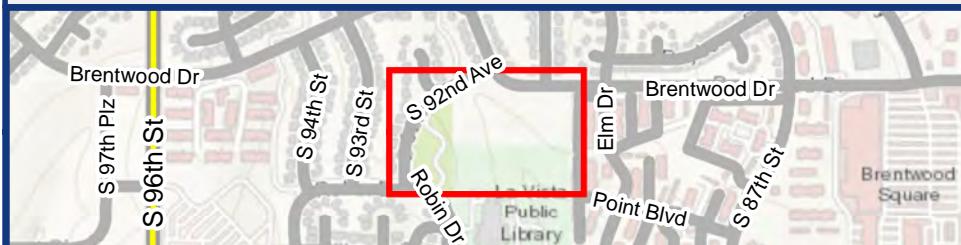
The dog park proposal was presented at a meeting of the La Vista Metro Condominium Association on February 8, 2021. Metro officials agreed to allow this on the jointly owned land on a trial basis with a reassessment in November of 2021. The Southwind Homeowners Association also submitted a letter to the City indicating their support of a dog park in this location.

The City Clerk has verified with our current liability insurance carrier that the City is covered for claims such as a dog causing bodily injury in cases where the city was liable.

Since the January 19, 2021 meeting the City has received the following feedback from citizens:

Location of Respondent	Yes – in favor of the dog park	No- not in favor of the dog park
La Vista	10	1
Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction	4	0
Papillion	2	0
Unknown	1	0

Staff recommends that a dog park be established at the proposed location with a temporary fencing installation. Signs will be posted indicating that users of the park must clean up after their dogs. The City will monitor utilization and keep track of any issues and complaints that arise. The situation will be reassessed in November of 2021 prior to making any decision as to whether it become permanent.



Dog Park Discussion Reference Map

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Drawn By: CB



