



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Mayor and City Council

**From:** Jessica Carpenter, Director of Community Experiences

**Date:** February 14, 2023

**Reference:** Presentation and discussion regarding Waggin' Tails Dog Park

**2040:** Sustainable City Government: Excellent and Well-Maintained City Infrastructure and Facilities

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### **Introduction:**

The purpose of this agenda item is to update the City Council on the current status of Waggin' Tails Dog Park as well as proposed plans to renovate the park.

### **Background:**

Waggin' Tails Dog Park was constructed during the summer of 2013 and officially opened to the public in November of 2013. Since its inception, the dog park has been popular with users, but has presented numerous maintenance challenges resulting in frustrated park goers.

City staff planned for replacements of certain park infrastructure for the 2022-2023 budget year. The initial quotes received came in much higher than anticipated, driven up by inflation and materials and labor shortages. Feedback from the Citizen Satisfaction Survey completed in October of 2022 also informed the City that a larger dog park renovation may be necessary.

Additionally, City staff created a Dog Park User Survey targeting heavy park users. This survey was conducted in December 2022 - January 2023 and provided feedback on what improvements users would like to see at the dog park. This feedback will be utilized during the proposed project design phase.

### **Benefit to the Community:**

The dog park is heavily frequented by repeat users in the community. A renovated dog park will provide the opportunity to correct original construction challenges to ensure the park is a more enjoyable place for all users.

**Legal Review:**

Item does not require legal review at this time.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact regarding this agenda at this time.

**Recommendation:**

This update is for informational purposes only. There is no formal action required on this agenda item.