

PRC Meeting

June 4, 2021

Presentations

Item 2

Update on the Extension of the Dog Off-Leash Area Trial
at Jollyman Park

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June 3, 2021




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Agenda

- Background
- Field use
- Considerations
- Jollyman DOLA trial extension
- Collecting feedback
- Next steps
- Recommended action


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Background

- FY2019-20 City Work Program item
- Resulted in Jollyman DOLA Trial
- Initially scheduled through Spring and Summer 2020
- Extended into FY2020-21 City Work Program
 - COVID-19 impacts
 - Lack of data

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Background

- Temporarily suspended March 17 to June 4, 2020
- Reopened on June 5, 2020
 - Youth sports prohibited
- July 2, 2020 - extended through June 30, 2021 or until sufficient data could be collected
 - Hours adjusted to one hour before and one hour after sunset

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Field Use

- Fall 2020 – field use not permitted
- April 20 – Cupertino Little League permit began with two practices a week. Practice concludes by 6:30 p.m. Sunset on April 20 is 7:48 p.m.
- May 19 – Cupertino Little League added Wednesday night practice. Practice concludes by 6:30 p.m.

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Considerations

- May 4 – New Athletic Field Use Policy adopted by City Council.
 - Effective July 1, 2021
 - May impact field use requested at Jollyman Park
 - Impacts not apparent until Spring 2022
- Staff has not been able to observe the DOLA due to the SCC Mandatory Directive requiring telework
- DOLA should be extended to June 30, 2022 to allow for sufficient collection of data

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Jollyman DOLA Extension

- Extension not expected to negatively impact existing pilot
- Maintain same hours of one hour before and one hour after sunset
- Observation of DOLA interaction with sports groups
- Monitoring of impacts due to updated Athletic Field Use Policy

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Collecting Feedback

- Reports have been made through various entities
 - Cupertino 311
 - Code Enforcement
 - San Jose Animal Control
 - Santa Clara County's Sheriff's Office
- Staff will continue to collect community feedback, observations, and incident reports
 - Currently 11 incidents logged

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Next Steps

- Update DOLA website
- Revise signage

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Recommended Action

Receive an update on the extension of the Dog Off-Leash Area trial at Jollyman Park and provide any input



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Black berry Farm Golf Course Feasibility Study Options



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- History
- Current Status and Usage
- Options
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Recommended Action

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History

- Construction 1962
- Purchase 1991
- Stevens Creek Corridor Master Plan – 2014
- After considering feedback, developed Preferred Alternative - 2016

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Current Status

- Irrigation
 - 65 years old
 - Inefficient, leaking, wastes water
 - \$58,000 average annual cost
- Tee Boxes, Greens, Netting
- Leaking Ponds (empty as of 2007)
 - Need to convert ponds to lowland native plants
- Estimated \$300,000 annual subsidy
- 39% of users are residents

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Golf Course Usage

Golf Round Comparison		
	Rounds Pre-COVID	Rounds in COVID
Cupertino - Blackberry Farm (9M)	28,000	41,000
Sunnyvale - Sunken Gardens (9M)	43,000	53,000
San Jose - Rancho Del Pueblo (9M)	25,000	40,000
San Jose - Santa Teresa (9PO)	19,000	29,000
Cupertino - Deep Cliff (18PO)	48,000	65,000

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Option One – Minimal Repairs

- Fix Irrigation
- Fix Tee Boxes, Greens, Netting
- Convert Ponds
- Remains 1,544 yard, par 29 course
- Reduce annual water bill by at least \$18,000
- The ongoing annual subsidy required after minimal repairs are complete is estimated to be \$282,000

Minimum cost of \$1,100,000 (2014 estimate)

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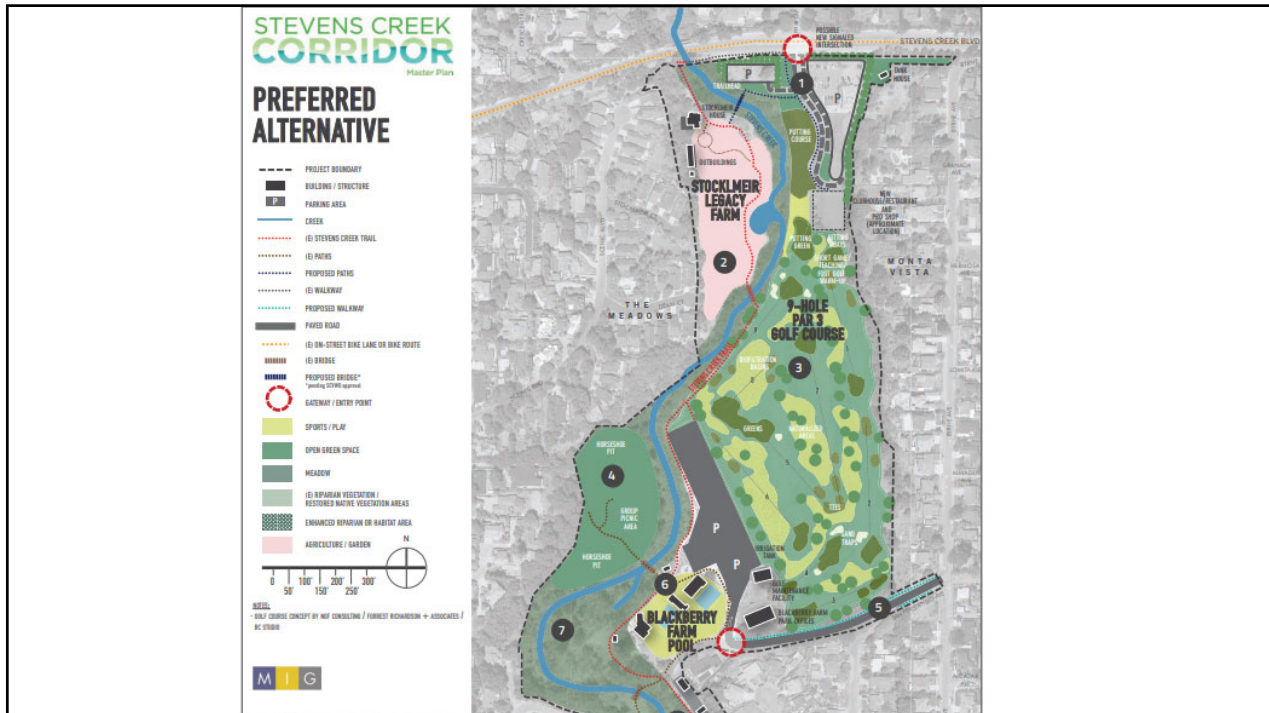
Option Two 2016 Preferred Alternative Renovated Course

- New irrigation, replacement of poles and netting as needed
- 1,035 par 27, rebuilt short par 3
- Loops for 3,4,5,7, and 9-hole play
- Larger short game practice area and putting course
- Clubhouse/restaurant
- Removal of Blesch house
- Potential to reduce or eliminate subsidy

Minimum cost for course only \$2,500,000(2016 estimate)

Minimum cost for clubhouse \$3,600,000 (2016 estimate)

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Option Three – Natural Habitat

- Closure of the golf course and return of the area to natural habitat
- Connect to the Stevens Creek Trail
- Removal of Blesch house
- Nature programs
- Compatible with sensitive habitat and flood plain limitations
- Ongoing annual subsidy required after restoration is complete is estimated to be \$200,000 annually.

Minimum cost \$1,500,000 (2014 estimate)

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Parks and Recreation System Master Plan Direction.

- Meet the priorities of the community.
- Evaluate like-for-like replacement.
- Meet community needs.
- Consider new trends, and preferences of nearby neighbors.

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Master Plan Continued

- Renovation to the course should provide improved habitat value.
- Future decisions should respect the unique creek-side location and emphasize choices compatible with increased ecological value.
- Nature experience and expanding access to nature is a top priority.
- Incorporate nature and increase access to natural open space

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Master Plan Community Outreach

Activity Participation Survey - 2017

- 939 respondents
- 16.8% of residents participate in the sport of golf or use a driving range (national average 7%)
- 67% of residents who participated in the survey, walk for pleasure or fitness, and take part in nature walks or hikes

85% of survey respondents noted that improving access to natural open space is desired in the City.

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Recommended Action

Receive a report on the Blackberry Farm Golf Course Feasibility Study Options and provide a recommendation to City Council

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Monthly Update Reports

Director's Update

Parks and Recreation Commission

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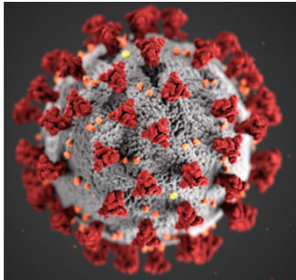
COVID Updates

July 7, August 4 – Free COVID testing


- Cupertino Senior Center
- 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- By appointment
- sccfreetest.org

Vaccine Information

- sccfreevax.org



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COVID Updates

Yellow Tier

- Gatherings
 - Outdoor – maximum of 100 people
 - Indoor (discouraged) – limited to 50% of maximum capacity or 50 people, whichever is fewer

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COVID Updates

Yellow Tier

- New requirements
 - Vaccination status
 - Mandatory Directive on Use of Face Coverings
 - Health Officer's Mandatory Directive for Unvaccinated Personnel
 - Promptly report COVID-19 cases to the Public Health Department

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COVID Updates

Yellow Tier

- June 15 – Beyond the Blueprint
 - covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/
- City is working on logistics
 - Reopening buildings
 - Programs and events
 - CalOSHA standards
 - Training part-time staff

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COVID Updates - Programs

Activities/Programs	Participation Numbers
Sports Center Tennis Courts	1750 Average participants per week
Blackberry Farm Golf Course	917 Average participants per week
Free Virtual Exercise Classes	234 Average participants per week
Fee-Based Virtual Exercise Classes	80 Currently enrolled
Lifetime Classes, Camps, Private Lessons, etc.	672 Currently enrolled

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Council Updates

May 18 Regular Meeting:

- FY 21-22 Community Funding Program
(Postponed to June 2 – public comment received)
(Continued to June 4)

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Council Updates

May 18 Regular Meeting:

- FY 21-22 Proposed Budget Study Session
(Postponed to June 4)
- Third Quarter Budget Report
 - Funding request for the Lifetime contract at the Sports Center

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Teen Programs

YAB Recruitment

- Incoming 8th through 11th graders
- Volunteer leadership group
- Applications due by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 18
- Interviews tentatively June 28
- Visit Cupertino Youth Activity Board website for more details

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Teen Programs

CED Talks

- Saturday June 12
 - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
- “Spotlight the Impossible” theme

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- June 26 to July 3
- Coders age 13 to 18

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General Updates

Plumbing Work at Restrooms

- Jollyman, Wilson, and Portal Park
- Completed in May
- Restrooms are open and available for use

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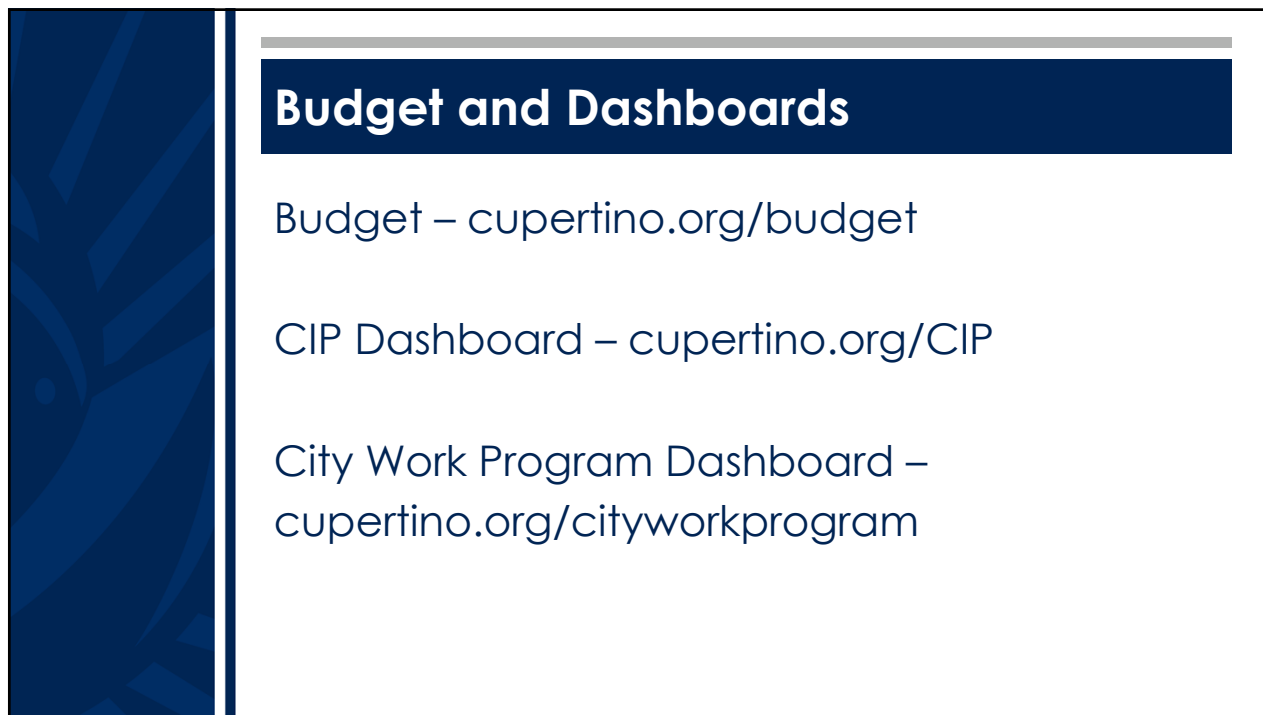
General Updates

Community Gardens



Cupertino.org/gardens

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Budget and Dashboards

Budget – cupertino.org/budget

CIP Dashboard – cupertino.org/CIP

City Work Program Dashboard – cupertino.org/cityworkprogram

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Upcoming Mayor's Meetings

June 9 – Vice Chair Xu

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Director's Update

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