



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting: July 2, 2020

Subject

Provide Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Dog Off Leash Area Trial at Jollyman Park.

Recommended Action

Provide direction on extending the DOLA trial period.

Discussion

On September 5, 2019, Parks & Recreation Commission recommended moving forward with a ten-month trial for the Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) at Jollyman Park. The duration of the trial was scheduled through spring and summer months, during which time the mixed-use field is also permitted to youth baseball and soccer groups.

The DOLA trial began on October 1, 2019. At that point, Cupertino Little League was no longer using the mixed-use field and soccer was only occurring on the soccer field. The trial was stopped due to COVID-19 from March 24, 2020 – June 4, 2020. The DOLA reopened on June 5, 2020 in accordance with State and Santa Clara County guidelines. Currently, the State is still prohibiting youth sports and games. There is not sufficient data to assess how well youth sports and a DOLA are able to co-exist.

Staff feel it would be in the best interest of the community to extend the DOLA trial past the original end date of July 31, 2020. Staff are proposing to continue the trial through June 30, 2021. This would allow us to gather at least two months of data to evaluate the co-existence of youth sports groups and the DOLA, to provide feedback, and to make a recommendation.

In addition to extending the DOLA trial, we ask that Commission review the hours and make a recommendation for the remainder of the trial.

- Option 1--Hours could be shifted to 1 hour before and 1 hour after sunset. This aligns with the posted closing hours of the park.
- Option 2-- Continue with the two-hour blocks as follows:
March – August (6-8 pm), September – October (5-7 pm),
November – February (4-6 pm)

Once the trial concludes, we would ask the Parks & Recreation Commission to make a recommendation on the DOLA to City Council. Once City Council provides direction on how to proceed, the trial would officially conclude.

Sustainability Impact

No sustainability impacts.

Fiscal Impact

\$300 for updated A-frame signage

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Approved for Submission by: Joanne Magrini, Parks & Recreation Director

Attachments:

A – Written Communications to Parks and Recreation Commission

B – Communication Received Regarding the Jollyman Dog Off Leash Area Trial

C –Parks and Recreation Department Log for Jollyman Dog Off Leash Area