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**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT**  
Meeting: October 4, 2018

Subject

Jollyman Park Unfenced Dog Off-Leash Area Trial Survey

Recommend Action

Receive report and provide staff with guidance on proceeding with a six-month trial of a Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) at Jollyman Park.

Background

A survey was completed in July 2018 to determine if Cupertino residents that live in the immediate area of Jollyman Park would accept a three to six month trial of an off-leash dog area within the park. The DOLA would only be available during the last two hours the park is open. The location is in the Southeast section of the park.

Discussion

A self-selected survey was made available and marketed to households in the immediate vicinity of Jollyman Park, between June 29 and July 23, 2018. Fourteen questions were asked in total. Out of the 304 people who took the survey, 138 completed the survey by registering into the system, while 166 completed the survey anonymously.

Key findings from the survey:

Registered Respondents:

97.8% of respondents lived within the City of Cupertino

73.9% owned a dog. 59% of those dogs were 24 inches or shorter.

74% of respondents live within ½ mile of the park.

65% of respondents would use the dog off leash area

77.5% think the location is good while 76.6% believe the time the DOLA is available is good.

Overall, 76.8% of respondents supported the trial dog off leash area.

Unregistered Respondents:

97.0% of respondents lived within the City of Cupertino

61.2% owned a dog. 59% of those dogs were 24 inches or shorter

50.6% of respondents live within ½ mile of the park

52.7% of respondents would use the dog off leash area

71.2% think the location is good while 64.6% believe the time the DOLA is available is good.

Overall, 70.0% of respondents supported the trial dog off leash area. The trail will require a significant amount of staff time to engage local neighbors and therefore will need to be included in the Department's approved work plan for 2019/2020.

Fiscal Impact

None

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Attachments:

A – Jollyman Park: Unfenced Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) Trial Survey