



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

QUINLAN COMMUNITY CENTER
10185 NORTH STELLING ROAD • CUPERTINO, CA 95014-5732
TELEPHONE: (408) 777-3120 • FAX: (408) 777-1305
CUPERTINO.ORG

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting: October 7, 2021

Subject

Update on the Dog Off-Leash Area Trial at Jollyman Park and Review of the Administrative Policy for the Ongoing Program

Recommended Action

Receive an update on the Dog Off Leash Area trial at Jollyman Park and provide feedback and input on the Administrative Policy for the ongoing program.

Discussion

The Dog Off Leash Area (DOLA) trial was extended until June 30, 2022 due to COVID-19 and the lack of sufficient data. When prioritizing the City Work Program, City Council prioritized the DOLA as number 50 out of 50 items. Parks and Recreation staff, after returning to in-person work in the middle of July, has collected data using an observation log during DOLA hours and non-DOLA hours. Observation log statistics and incident logs with data from the City's 311 application, Code Enforcement, San Jose Animal Control, and Sheriff's Office were recorded by staff.

The trial was intended to continue until sufficient data is collected on the DOLA, implementation of the updated Athletic Field Use Policy, and to account for any developments in current COVID restrictions. However, even with the limited observation data collected thus far, in response to the input received from the public, staff will now be recommending the conclusion of the trial and to move forward with the establishment of an ongoing DOLA program at Jollyman Park. The ongoing program will be monitored by an administrative policy (attachment A) that will allow for flexibility.

Based on discussions between the City Manager and the DOLA users group, further expansion of the DOLA at Jollyman Park or elsewhere in Cupertino would not be considered until at least a year after ongoing DOLA operations at Jollyman Park.

Sustainability Impact

No sustainability impact.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

Prepared by: Rachelle Sander, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation

Reviewed and Approved for Submission by: Joanne Magrini, Director of Parks and Recreation

Attachments:

A – DOLA Administrative Policy