



Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Recreation & Parks Commission Committee will conduct a Special Meeting, at the following time and place, and will address the agenda listed below:

**CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Municipal Gallery
Beverly Hills, CA 90210**

IN-PERSON / TELEPHONIC / VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

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**Thursday, January 4, 2024
4:30 PM**

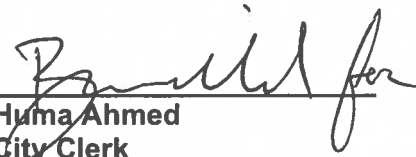
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AGENDA

- 1) Public Comment
 - a. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.
- 2) Request from Recreation and Parks Commission to revisit Community Dog Park resurfacing

3) Adjournment


Huma Ahmed
City Clerk

Posted: December 29, 2023

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STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: January 4, 2024
To: Honorable Mayor & Council Member Friedman
From: Joana Torres, Community Services Manager
Subject: Beverly Hills Community Dog Park
Attachments: None

INTRODUCTION

In September 2019, the Recreation and Parks Commission reviewed several surface options that were considered during the design phase of the dog park. The Commission also provided additional surface options for the park based on research comprised of 18 parks in the surrounding areas. The goal was to gather their feedback and present it to the City Council Liaisons for further direction. However, due to the pandemic this project was placed on hold. This year the Recreation and Parks commission has received public comments and concerns about the surface of the park and the desire to replace it.

DISCUSSION

The Recreation and Parks Commission was presented with the following findings in 2019:

- Grass

Based on research, grass was proven to be hard to maintain in other dog parks due to the wear and tear from the dogs running, digging, and urinating. Due to the daily impact from dogs, parks with natural grass close for a period of time for reseeding and maintenance. This would be an inconvenience to the patrons that use the park as part of their dog's regular exercise routine.

- Artificial Turf

Quotes to install and maintain the dog park with artificial turf were much more expensive compared to the current decomposed granite. The cost to maintain artificial turf is higher due to the frequency in which it must be washed down to eliminate odors. The need to wash the turf during a period of severe drought conditions became an increasing concern during the surface discussion. Additionally, there were also concerns about the temperature of the artificial turf during the summer months with so much of the park being exposed to the sun. In October 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom passed legislation allowing cities to ban artificial turf due to its potential health concerns. Staff will work with the City's Project Administration team in gathering information and researching the potential risks if the Liaisons decide to move forward with artificial turf.

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- Woodchips/Bark

Small insects and bugs tend to live in this material and could possibly cause harm to the dogs. Abrasions to the dogs' paws was also a concern.

- Wood Fiber

Engineered Wood Fiber is made from virgin wood fibers that have been screened to yield particles that generally do not exceed ½" x 2" in size and there were concerns of dogs ingesting them.

- Stone Dust

This does not drain well and is best used on gently sloping pavement surfaces, as it can be disturbed by constant traffic.

- Pea Stone

This product is subject to movement, when disturbed, due to the roundness of the stone particles.

- Mulch

Material needs to be replaced and refreshed periodically to prevent urine saturation in the mulch. This proves to also have similar concerns to the bark/woodchips that was discussed previously.

- Rice Stone

Processed stone material, the range in gradation size helps to reduce the movement of the stone particles when disturbed through dog activity.

Commissioners directed staff to investigate alternate surface options that included a combination of mixed materials that would be both aesthetically appealing and functional. The Commission also suggested allowing the opportunity for dog park patrons to provide their feedback on surface options through a Town Hall meeting.

At a December 2019 liaison meeting, staff presented the Commission's requests to City Council Liaisons, Vice Mayor Lester Friedman and Councilmember Julian Gold, MD. At that time, a permanent shade structure was considered a priority since the 11 trees planted had not matured. Staff were also directed to come forward with additional research on surfaces and costs in early 2020. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this item had been tabled.

Currently the shade structure is being designed through Project Administration as part of the 2024 fiscal year Capital Improvement Project. The Recreation and Parks Commission has recommended bringing forward the request to replace the ground covering at the dog park.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact at this time.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff is seeking City Council Liaison's recommendation regarding the current surface of the Beverly Hills Dog Park as well as direction on surveying the public for feedback regarding the park.

Joana Torres,
Community Services Manager

Approved By