



Parks & Recreation Commission Discussion

OFF LEASH DOG PARKS



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History

2007/2008 Dog park plans put on hold due to downturn in economy

April 2018 - ASU Project Cities presented research findings to City Council

Aug. 2018 - City Council directed Parks and Recreation Commission to consider and make a recommendation on ideal location, amenities, and revenue sources

Sept 2018 – Parks and Recreation Commission began discussions on dog park options

Additional Public Meetings

September 5, 2018 – P&R Commission Meeting

November 7, 2018 – P&R Commission Meeting

December 5, 2018 – P&R Commission Meeting

February 6, 2018 – P&R Commission Meeting

Location: Pinal County Complex

Southeast corner of Idaho and Superstition Blvd.

- Already city-maintained property and Pinal County leadership is open to exploring this use
- Exceeds minimum land requirements
- Least expensive site and easiest to implement in a timely fashion
- Cost estimate includes mitigating the inefficient drainage at this site and will enhance the overall aesthetics of the area
- Great proximity to the downtown area and the highest density of citizens

Required Amenities

- **Minimum 5' fences with double safety gates**
- **Minimum 1 acre with Grass**
- **Separate area for small/passive and large dogs**
- **Water source (for drinking)**
- **Shade and seating for their humans**

Likely Funding Sources

- **Development Fees** – available for this type of project; though will compete with other projects, we have approx. \$250k available at this time
- **Corporate Partnerships** – (potentially \$25k-\$75k)
- **Grants** – Identified 10-15 grants, average grant is \$5k-\$30k
- **Fundraising Events** – historically generate \$5k-\$50k depending on type of event
- **General Fund (tax dollars)** – lots of competition for City needs

Next Steps

- **Parks and Recreation Commission vote on whether to forward these recommendations to Council**
- **April presentation to City Council for their consideration**
- **If City Council approves, Parks & Recreation staff to present ideas to the County Board of Supervisors for approval**