



AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: May 6, 2014
Item Number: G-1
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Steven Zoet, Director of Community Services
Subject: REQUEST BY MAYOR BOSSE TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED LOCATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF AN OFF-LEASH DOG PARK

Attachments:

1. Site Map
2. Options Considered by the Liaison
3. Site Development Cost Estimate
4. Position of Support from Bruce Schulman, General Manager, Mercedes-Benz of Beverly Hills

RECOMMENDATION

Due to numerous past resident requests for the City to provide an off-leash dog area the City Council liaisons to the Recreation and Parks Commission (Mayor Bosse and Councilmember Mirisch), Commission ad hoc committee members and staff recommend that City Council approve the identified location as an off-leash dog park on a trial basis. The proposed location is central to the city, affords easy access to the city's dog-owning population, provides ample on and off-street parking accommodations and can be relatively easily converted to such a use.

Should City Council approve the location staff will finalize the design details and secure competitive bid pricing for consideration of awarding a contract by the City Council at a later date.

INTRODUCTION

A number of Beverly Hills residents have asked staff and the Recreation and Parks Commission to provide an off-leash dog area for their use. The Commission has formally addressed this topic on five past occasions where the issue was publicly noticed and agendized for discussion between February 23, 2010 and February 25, 2014. Additionally, a designated public meeting was also held to discuss the concept.

Staff provided three formal presentations to the City Council between October 23, 2012 and February 5, 2013. At the February 5th meeting, five locations were presented to City Council as possible host sites for such a use. Staff and the Recreation and Parks Commission recommended that the underutilized Croquet Court at Roxbury Park be converted to this use on a trial basis. After several members of the public expressed concerns over the proposed location the recommendation was not supported by City Council. Further pursuit of a designated area was tabled until such time that additional and more suitable locations became known in the future.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Bosse recently requested staff to re-assess possible off-leash dog areas within the City. On April 3, a publicly noticed liaison meeting including Mayor Bosse, Councilmember Mirisch, Recreation and Parks Commission ad hoc members Vice Chair Friedman, Commissioner Bilak and staff met to further discuss potential site possibilities. A total of 15 city park, non-park and non-city owned site options were provided for consideration. The committee expressed support for an option that identified a portion of the northwest section of the city-owned five acre parcel across from the Public Works building located on Foothill Road.

This parcel, bordered by Foothill Road on the west, Alden Drive on the north, 3rd Street on the south and private development on the east currently serves a variety of functions. Much of its former use by the Public Works Department has been relocated to the new warehouse building recently opened on 3rd Street. The particular location of interest is on the parcel's northwest section bordered by Foothill Road and Alden Drive. Please refer to the attached site map for specific reference.

This location is currently leased to the City's contracted tree vendor, West Coast Arborist (WCA), for off-street parking of their rolling fleet, dumpsters, temporary storage of boxed city street trees prior to their planting and related support operations and needs. Should this area be approved by City Council for the proposed dog park use, staff proposes relocating WCA to another secured and vacant location of similar size on the southern portion of the parcel. The parcel currently occupied by WCA is approximately 20,800 square feet (130'x160') in size.

FISCAL IMPACT

Final costs for a project are not known until it has been fully designed and competitively bid. For purposes of providing City Council with estimated costs staff engaged the services of a professional estimator. The attached itemized preliminary cost estimate shows a total base construction cost of approximately \$107,000. Based on recommended alternatives, an additional approximately \$16,000 is suggested for separating the area into designated large and small animal sections. Lastly, a suitable surface material needs to be applied after the removal of the existing asphalt. The initial recommended material is decomposed granite (dg) due to its many qualities and typical use in other such facilities though staff can research additional options. Based on the overall area and coverage needs, dg costs are estimated at \$175,000.

Staff has identified sufficient funds within the proposed FY 2014/15 CIP requests in Fund 160 (Recreation and Parks Facilities Tax Fund) to cover these expenditures if

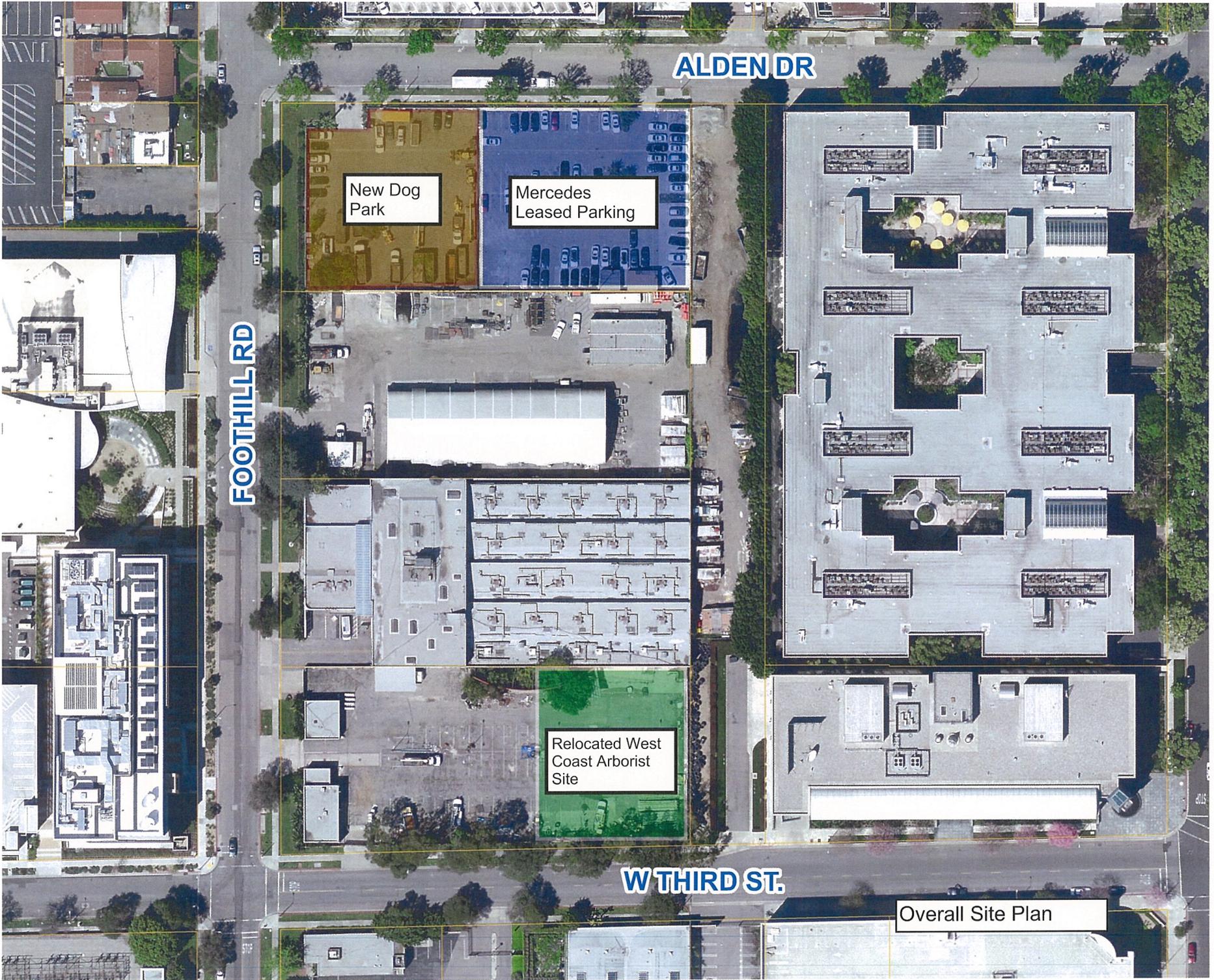
approved by City Council. In-house capabilities will be explored to reduce costs where possible. Additionally, staff will look to utilizing the Community Charitable Foundation to raise funds and receive donations for site enhancements if the project is approved by City Council.

Staff proposes that the park, if approved, operates during hours similar to those established for our community mini parks which are 8am to dusk. Staff feels that general site maintenance and security provisions can be provided for within the department's existing staffing structure.



Steven Zoet
Director, Community Services
Approved By

Attachment 1



ALDEN DR

FOOTHILL RD

New Dog Park

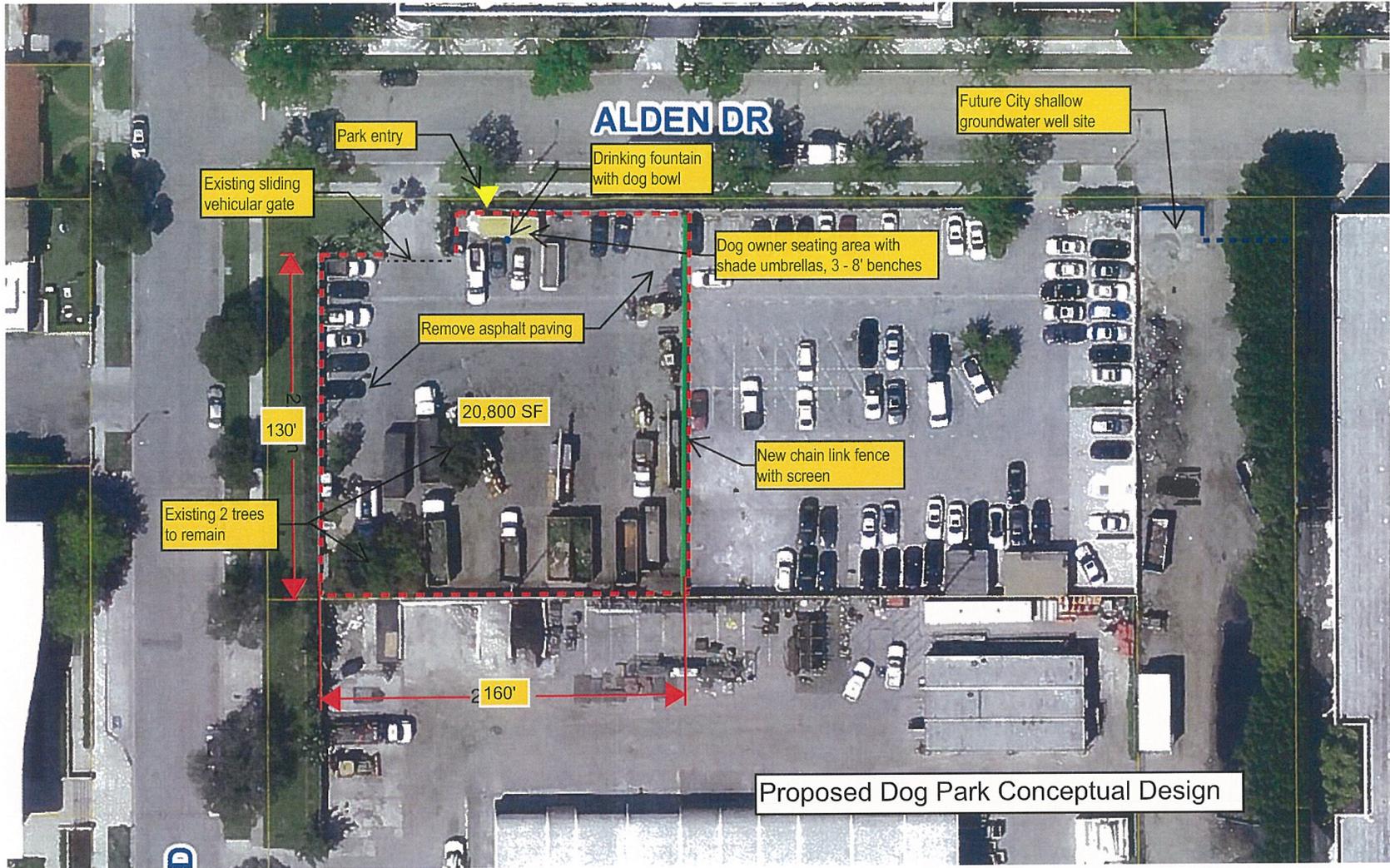
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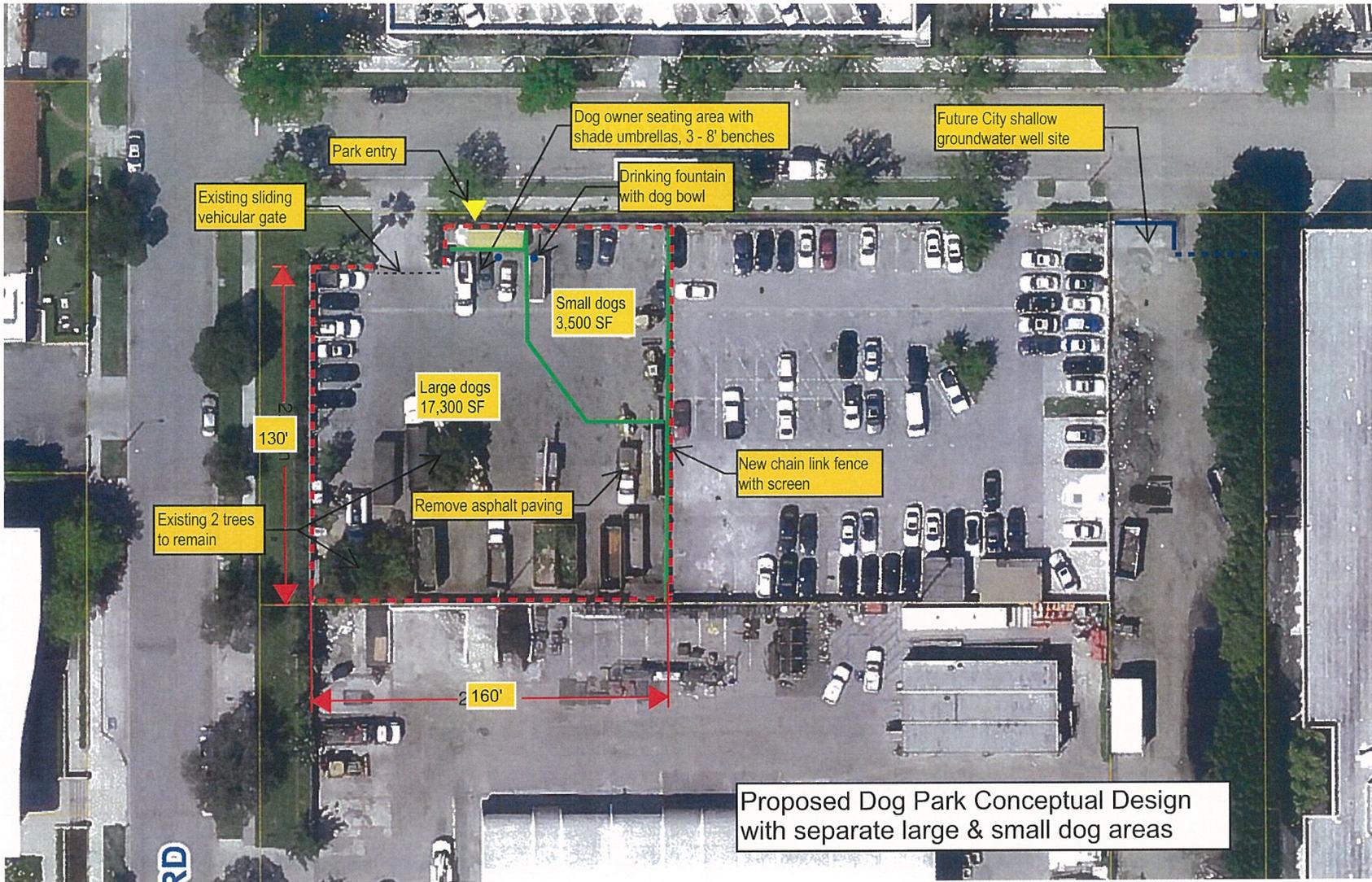
Relocated West Coast Arborist Site

W THIRD ST.

Overall Site Plan

Attachment 2





Attachment 3

Project Administration Division
 Capital Assets Department
 4/30/2014

PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE FOR PROPOSED DOG PARK

Item description	Quantity		Unit Cost	\$
DOG PARK				
Remove asphalt paving	20,800	SF	1.75	\$36,400
Site grading	20,800	SF	0.65	\$13,520
Chain link fence 6' vinyl coated with windscreen	150	LF	71.50	\$10,725
Drinking fountain with dog bowl	1	EA	5,500.00	\$5,500
Water piping	1	LS	10,000.00	\$10,000
Gravel drainage sump	1	LS	650.00	\$650
Site furniture - 8' benches	3	EA	1,000.00	\$3,000
Shade structure - umbrellas	4	LS	250.00	\$1,000
Site furnishings - waste receptacles/poop dispensers	1	LS	2,000.00	\$2,000
SUBTOTAL				\$82,795

General conditions & supervision	0			\$12,419
Bonds & insurance	0			\$2,380
Overhead & profit	0			\$9,759
TOTAL CONSTRUCTION				\$107,354

ENHANCEMENTS

Separate large & small dog areas

Chain link fence 6' vinyl coated	125	LF	53.00	\$6,625
Chain link swing gate	2	EA	1,800.00	\$3,600
Drinking fountain with dog bowl	1	EA	5,500.00	\$5,500
SUBTOTAL				\$15,725
TOTAL COST WITH ENHANCEMENT #1				\$123,079

Enhanced surfacing

Decomposed granite paving - 4" thick	20,800	SF		\$175,000
TOTAL COST WITH ENHANCEMENTS #1 & #2				\$298,079

Attachment 4

From: "Schulman, Bruce" <bschulman@bhbenz.com>
Date: April 30, 2014 at 1:58:44 PM PDT
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Subject: **Proposed Dog Park**

Mahdi,

I am aware of the City plan to put a dog park near the corner of Alden and Foothill across from our service center.

I am in support of this plan and will also support realigning the property where we park our cars as discussed. Thanks

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