

COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE: March 23, 2022

TO: Honorable Chairperson and Commission Members

FROM: Tim Kelsey, Recreation Manager

SUBJECT: **Dog Park at Zoeter Park**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST

That the Recreation and Parks Commission receive an update regarding the pop-up dog park at Zoeter Park.

BACKGROUND

On January 22, 2020, the Recreation and Parks Commission discussed the addition of a dog park to the City's park system. At the time of the discussion, the two areas identified by the Commission as potential sites were Zoeter Park at the corner of 12th Street and Landing, and Marina Park at the corner of 1st Street and Marina Drive. Ultimately, Zoeter Park was selected as the preferred location to test the concept.

Shortly following the Commission meeting of September 22, 2021, staff installed temporary fencing at Zoeter Park to establish the pop-up dog park. Staff also established a dedicated email address to receive comments from public regarding the dog park and posted signage asking the public to please provide feedback.

At this time, staff has received hundreds of emails from the public regarding the pop-up dog park at Zoeter Park. Most of the emails have been positive and supportive of the park feature. Due to the feedback received, staff obtained an estimate to permanently fence the dog park, and is including the cost estimate as a part of the annual budget process for fiscal year 2022-23. The budget will be considered for approval by the City Council on June 13, 2022. The City will also host budget workshops on May 19 and May 26, 2022, where staff will answer questions related to the budgeted item.

Going forward, if the item is approved in the budget, staff will work with the Commission to help define the project in detail prior going out to public bid to construct the park.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Recreation and Parks Commission receive an update regarding the pop-up dog park at Zoeter Park.