

**City of Culver City, California
Agenda Item Report**

Meeting Date: <u>09/04/12</u>		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>	
PRCS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM:(1) Consideration of an Investigation into the Feasibility of Extending the Pooch Path at Culver West Alexander Park to include the Walking/Jogging Trail Located within the Park; and, if Supported, (2) Selection of a Date to Receive and Review Public Input on the Issue at a Future Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting.			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☐	
Public Notification: (Email) Meetings and Agendas – Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission (08/30/12).			
Department Approval: Dan Hernandez (08/27/12).		City Attorney Approval: N/A	
Chief Financial Officer Approval: N/A		City Manager Approval: N/A	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission(1) consider undertaking an investigation into the feasibility of extending the Pooch Path at Culver West Alexander Park to include the walking/jogging trail located within the Park; and, if supported, (2) select a date to receive and review public input on the issue at a future Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> In its role as an advisory body on matters pertaining to parks, the PRCS Commission has previously made recommendations to the City Council on both the topic of allowing dogs in Culver City parks and on the creation of designated Pooch Paths within the parks. At the February 9, 2009 meeting, the following action was taken by the City Council (moved by Councilmember O’Leary; seconded by Mayor Malsin; passed 4 – 1; Councilmember Silbiger dissenting): THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CONTINUE THE EXISTING LAW AND PRACTICES THAT DO NOT ALLOW DOGS IN PARKS, EXCEPT IN THE CULVER CITY DOG PARK OR WHERE THERE IS A DESIGNATED DOG PATH, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF AND PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL FOR DESIGNATED DOG PATHS IN OTHER PARKS WHEN A NEED IS IDENTIFIED, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION.			

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For reference, the following is an excerpt of the Culver City Municipal Code relating to the prohibition of dogs within Culver City Parks:

§ 9.10.055 PROHIBITIONS

Within the limits of any public park it shall be unlawful for any person:

- A. Having charge, care, custody or control of any dog, except as permitted by § 9.10.400 or § 9.10.600, or other animal, fowl, or reptile to cause, permit or allow the same to be within the limits of any public park within the City, unless such person shall have obtained a special permit from the City Council to conduct an entertainment or exhibition in which an animal is a participant.

('65 Code, § 5-12) (Ord. No. CS-290; Ord. No. CS-405 § 1; Ord. No. 2004-015 § 2; Ord. No. 2006-008 § 2)

§ 9.10.400 relates to the Culver City Dog Park within Culver City Park; § 9.10.600 relates to the designated Pooch Paths within Culver West Alexander Park and Culver City Park. § 9.10.600 is excerpted below:

§ 9.10.600 DESIGNATED DOG PATHS.

- A. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Code, a person may have charge, care, custody or control of any dog upon the designated dog paths in Culver West Alexander Park and Culver City Park; provided such dog is at all times restrained by a substantial chain or leash not exceeding six (6) feet in length, in the control of a competent person.

- B. For purposes of this Section, **DESIGNATED DOG PATHS** shall mean the pathways in Culver West Alexander Park and Culver City Park that are identified by conspicuously displayed signs indicating that they are **DESIGNATED DOG PATHS**, and where the pathways themselves are marked with pictures of paw prints.

- C. Nothing in this Section shall permit or allow any person having charge, care, custody or control of any dog to permit or allow that dog to be in any portion of any public park, except as permitted by § [9.10.400](#), other than on the designated dog paths in Culver West Alexander Park and Culver City Park.

(Ord. No. 2006-008 § 3; Ord. No. 2009-003 § 1)

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DISCUSSION:

At the July 3, 2012 PRCS Commission meeting, Chair Stuart reported being contacted by a resident about the possibility of extending the Pooch Path at Culver West Alexander Park to include the walking/jogging trail in order to enable people to take their dogs with them on the trail. A consensus was reached by the Commission to place this item on the Agenda. Since the Commission was previously authorized to look into matters such as this at the February 9, 2009 City Council meeting, the topics of this evening's discussion are to(1) consider undertaking an investigation into the feasibility of extending the Pooch Path at Culver West Alexander Park to include the walking/jogging trail located within the Park (Attachment); and, if supported, (2) select a date to receive and review public input on the issue at a future Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting.

The dates and venues of the next five upcoming PRCS Commission regular meetings are as follows:

DATE	DAY	LOCATION
November 8, 2012	Thursday	Senior Center
December 4, 2012	Tuesday	Council Chambers
January 3, 2013	Thursday	Senior Center
February 5, 2013	Tuesday	Council Chambers
March 5, 2013	Tuesday	Council Chambers

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the discussion of this Agenda Item. However, should the Commission decide to undertake an investigation into the feasibility of extending the Pooch Path at Culver West Alexander Park to include the walking/jogging trail located within the Park, there will be expenses related to public notification. These expenses are expected to be nominal and will be covered by each Department/Division's Budget. For example:

NOTIFICATION METHOD	DEPARTMENT(S)	EXPENSE
Postcard mailing: 500-ft radius and beyond (up to Washington Blvd.) to residents, property owners and businesses.	PRCS / Administration IT / Graphic Services	Staff Time \$180.00 for mailing
Printed notices posted at the Park.	PRCS / Administration PRCS / Recreation	Staff Time Materials
Email notifications, website postings and a cable crawler on Channel 35/37.	PRCS / Administration IT / Webmaster City Manager's Office	Staff Time

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ATTACHMENT

Aerial View of Pooch Path at Culver West Alexander Park

MOTIONS:

That the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission:

1. Investigate the feasibility of extending the Pooch Path at Culver West Alexander Park to include the walking/jogging trail located within the Park; and,
2. Select a date to receive and review public input on the issue at a future Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting;

OR

3. Provide staff with alternate suggestions.