

MEETING DATE: December 4, 2012

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion of a Recommendation to the City Council to Extend the Pooch Path at Culver West Alexander Park to include the Walking/Jogging Trail Located within the Park.

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Pooch Path Extension Discussion

Public Notification Area



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DATE: 10/29/2012
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MAP PROJECTION: CALIFORNIA STATE PLANE
ZONE: V (FIVE)
DATUM: NAD 1983
UNITS: FEET
ELLIPSOID: GRS 80

MAGNETIC DECLINATION: 13 DEGREES 6 MINUTES EAST
YEAR: JULY 10, 2006
ANNUAL CHANGE: 5 MINUTES WEST
AVERAGE ELEVATION: 57 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL
ELEVATION RANGE: 14 TO 419 FEET

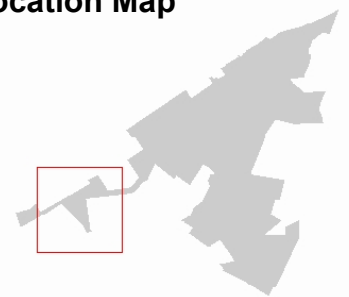
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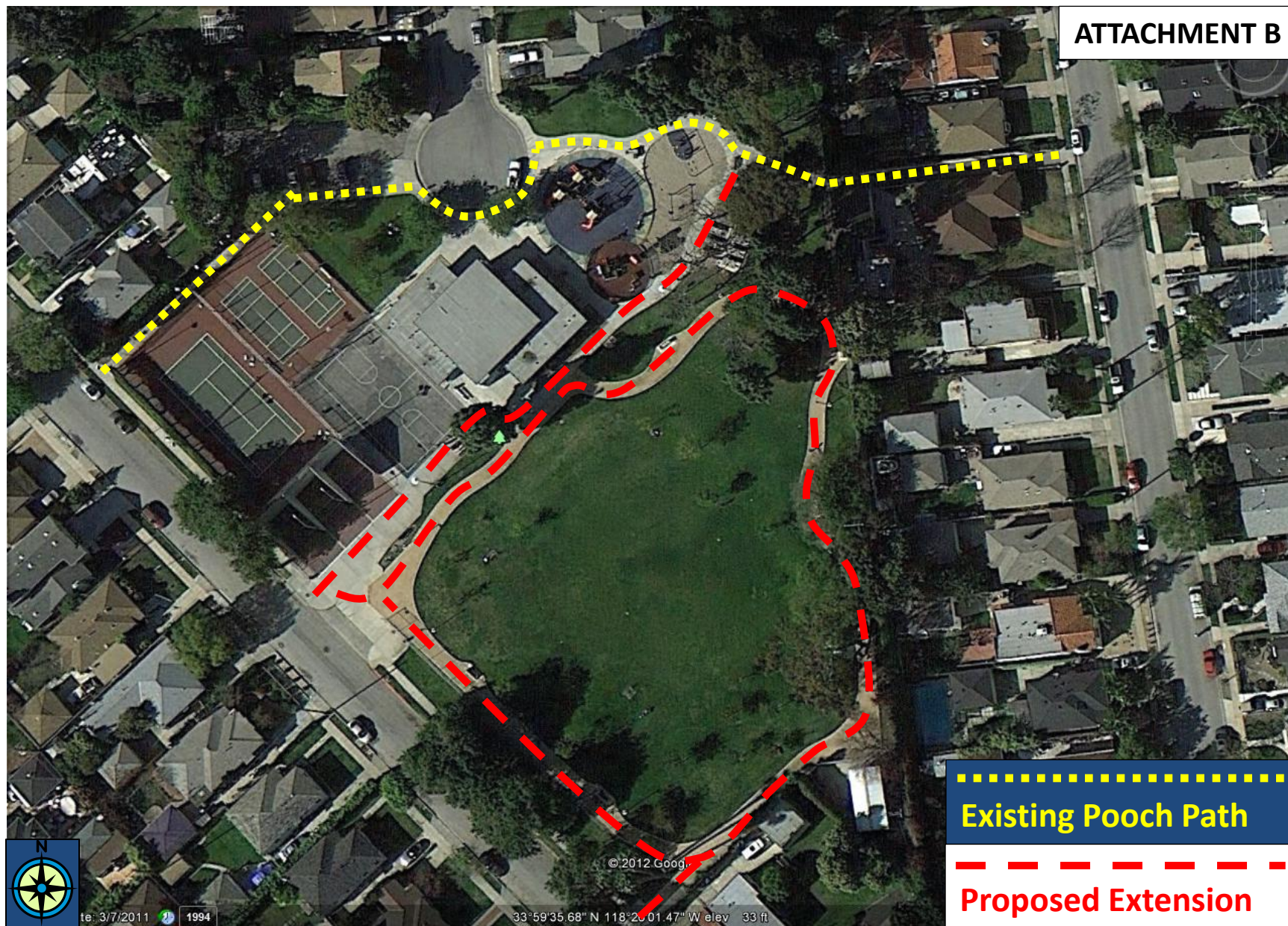
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Location Map





Existing Pooch Path

Proposed Extension

**Public Comment Regarding
Extending the Culver West Alexander Park Pooch Path
Received by 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2012**

From: Vivian Chiang
Sent: Thursday, November 08, 2012 6:01 PM
To: Mooney, Patricia
Subject: culver west park changes

Dear Ms. Mooney,

I am writing in regards to the recommendation to the city council to extend the pooch path at Culver West Alexander Park to include the walking/jogging trail located within the park. My name is Vivian Nagao, and I am a culver city resident living right next to Culver West Park. It is in within walking distance, and we take our children there all the time. I would like to let you know that I am a dog owner, and I have worked as a veterinarian in the south bay for over 8 years. Prior to veterinary school, I volunteered at animal rescues, worked at spay/neuter clinics, and worked full-time as a kennel assistant/veterinary technician. Even now, I dedicate my time and resources to several dog and cat rescues. There are few things that are more important to me than to preserve and provide an excellent quality of life for our furry friends.

However, I am also a parent who frequents the park that is being discussed. I have had to clean up canine feces off of the designated pooch path, in the fields by the jogging path, and I have had to clean up feline feces from the sandbox. Unfortunately, there are still many people who are not responsible enough to clean up after their pet. At my clinic, about 16% of the fecal samples that are actually submitted are positive for parasites. This includes zoonotic parasites such as giardia, roundworms, and hookworms. The exposure to our children, who do not always wash their hands before sticking something into their mouths, would increase. It truly would be safest to not extend the pooch path at Culver West Park in order to decrease the exposure of our families to these parasites. Most parks do not allow pets or dogs for this reason. Fecal matter carries disease, and parks have a lot of traffic. In the same way, this is why there are leash laws. It is for the safety of our community. I have seen several injuries ranging from minor to fatal as a result of failure to obey the leash law. I have also seen people bit and hospitalized due to a failure of the leash law. I realize that several people are against the leash law as well. But, I promise you that there is merit in that it helps to keep our community safe.

I hope that I was able to give you some insight in regards to this discussion. It is my recommendation to not extend the pooch path at Culver West Park. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,
Vivian Nagao, DVM
A Culver West Alexander Park Neighborhood Resident

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From: Chanon Billington
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2012 2:53 PM
To: Mooney, Patricia
Subject: Pooch Path Extension at Culver West Alexander Park

Hello, Patricia.

I live next door to Culver West Park and have done so for the past 23 years. While I think it wonderful for people with their dogs to have a clear signage as to where they can walk their dog I do not feel it prudent for the City to spend more money on adding animal access to the walking/jogging trail. The path is already pitted and marred from all the bikes that people ride on the path and adding animal waste seems just ripe for people to stop using the path. Additionally, since the City has not been keeping lights on in the park throughout the night the park has gotten increasingly dangerous to walk through since you cannot see the pits on the access way between McConnel and the park. I would much rather the City spent the money on keeping a few more lights lit in the park. It is pitch black out there at night and I feel people's safety should take precedence over people getting to jog with their dogs at their side. I would appreciate confirmation or your having received this email. Thanks so much.

Chanon Billington
A Culver West Alexander Park Neighborhood Resident

From: Sum-Sum Chan
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 4:52 PM
To: Mooney, Patricia
Subject: Extend Pooch Path

Hi Patricia,

I would like to voice my support for extending the Pooch Path at the Culver West Alexander Park. We frequent the park and understand that keeping off the grass allows for more picnicing, but the dirt path seems like a logical inclusion for dogs. We would certainly frequent the park even more if we were allowed to walk around the perimeter with our dog. We currently just walk through the park.

Sincerely,
Sum-Sum Chan
A Culver West Alexander Park Neighborhood Resident