

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

Meeting Date: <u>08/03/10</u>		Item Number: <u>A-5</u>	
PRCS COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a Recommendation to the City Council to Support Staff in Working with the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park to Explore the Possibility of Installing Lighting at the Dog Park.			
Contact Person/Dept.: Pam Robinson, Acting PRCS Director		Phone Number: (310) 253-6655	
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 (07/29/10); (Email) Friends of the Culver City Dog Park (07/29/10).			
Department Approval: Pam Robinson (07/28/10)		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 consider recommending that the City Council support PRCS and Public Works/Engineering staff in working with the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park to explore the possibility of installing lighting at the Dog Park. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> At the City Council meeting on July 28, 1997 Council discussed various aspects surrounding the possibility of opening a dog park in Culver City. At the June 4, 2002 Parks and Recreation Commission (now known as the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission) meeting, the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park (the “Friends”), a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, presented a proposal for the development of a dog park in the “Boneyard” area in Culver City Park. Subsequently, a preliminary design of the Dog Park submitted by the Friends to the Commission at its meeting of August 3, 2004 was adopted unanimously, with minor changes, by the Commission. At the City Council meeting of December 13, 2004, Council approved the plans and specifications for Phase I of the Dog Park, Capital Improvement Project Number 816, and authorized the Friends to construct the Dog Park, with the proviso that the Friends enter into a License Agreement with the City. In April 2005, the Friends entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City to allow the building of the Park. The MOU, with an Amendment effective as of July 28, 2008, is provided as Attachment A. A groundbreaking Ceremony was held at the site on July 23, 2005. Subsequently, PRCS Department staff applied for and received \$150,000 in Proposition A Excess funds to construct Phase II of the Dog Park. Phase II, which was managed by Public Works/Engineering and recently completed included the installation of shade structures, drinking fountains, landscaping and signage, among other improvements.			

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DISCUSSION:

The PRCS Commission has periodically raised the issue of exploring the possibility of installing lighting at the Culver City Dog Park. Since the City of Culver City has not identified capital improvement project funding for this endeavor, one avenue for installing lighting might be through the ongoing partnership between the City and the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park, similar to the collaborative effort that resulted in the construction of Phase I of the Dog Park. Specifically, perhaps the Friends would be interested in doing additional fundraising to cover the cost of the installation of lighting at the Dog Park. If the Friends were to provide such funding, then PRCS and Public Works/Engineering staff would include this project in their Workplans in the year that the funding reaches a level that will provide for the completion of the project, with the caveat that Public Works/Engineering already has a full docket of Capital Improvement Projects for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

An estimate of the cost of installation of lighting at the Dog Park has been provided by City Engineer/Public Works Director Charles Herbertson in Attachment B. Based on this cost estimate, staff recommends that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission consider recommending that the City Council support PRCS and Public Works/Engineering staff in working with the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park to explore the possibility of installing lighting at the Dog Park.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the discussion of this Agenda Item. However, if the City Council determines that staff should indeed work with the Friends toward the installation of lighting at the Dog Park, there will be an in-kind cost to the City of staff expense relating to the time and expertise associated with the project. The exact amount of this expense is difficult to determine at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Culver City and the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park
- B. Memo from City Engineer/Public Works Director Charles Herbertson regarding the Cost of Installing Lighting at the Culver City Dog Park

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MOTIONS:

1. Recommend that the City Council support PRCS and Public Works/Engineering staff in working with the Friends of the Culver City Dog Park to explore the possibility of installing lighting at the Dog Park;

OR

2. Provide staff with alternate recommendations.