



November 16, 2021

Monrovia City Council Proposed Dog Park Update

Objective

- For the past year, staff has been working on a potential Dog Park for Monrovia.
- At the March 16, 2021 City Council Meeting, staff provided some background as well as an update on the project activity.
- Following the presentation, City Council directed staff to conduct additional outreach with the community, as well as key stakeholders impacted by the proposed project.
- Tonight staff will provide an overview of the outreach conducted, feedback received, and is seeking City Council direction on possible next steps.

Background

- As a reminder, in the 2018 Park Master Plan the community identified a Dog Park as a priority.
- Staff has been conducting preliminary ground work including:
 - Surveying existing park space for a suitable location.
 - Visiting neighborhood community Dog Parks to gain more knowledge.
 - Engaged a Landscape Architect to help assess options and “best practices”.

Background

- Following the initial research, staff identified Recreation Park as a suitable location for the proposed Dog Park.
 - The park is centrally located in Monrovia.
 - Many residents use the park regularly to walk and socialize with their dogs.
- The proposed design would be simple and cost effective.
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ acre with a small dog and large dog area.
 - Includes ADA access, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, and mutt mitts.
 - Secured with a secondary entrance gate.
 - Estimate \$100,000 (ground up construction could exceed \$500,000).

Community Outreach

- Outreach has been conducted to the following key stakeholders.
 - Residents on Lemon Avenue (Door to door outreach)
 - Boys and Girls Club of the Foothills
 - Monrovia Youth Baseball League
 - Monrovia Historic Museum
 - Monrovia Options for Learning
 - Pasadena Humane Society
 - Santa Anita Family YMCA

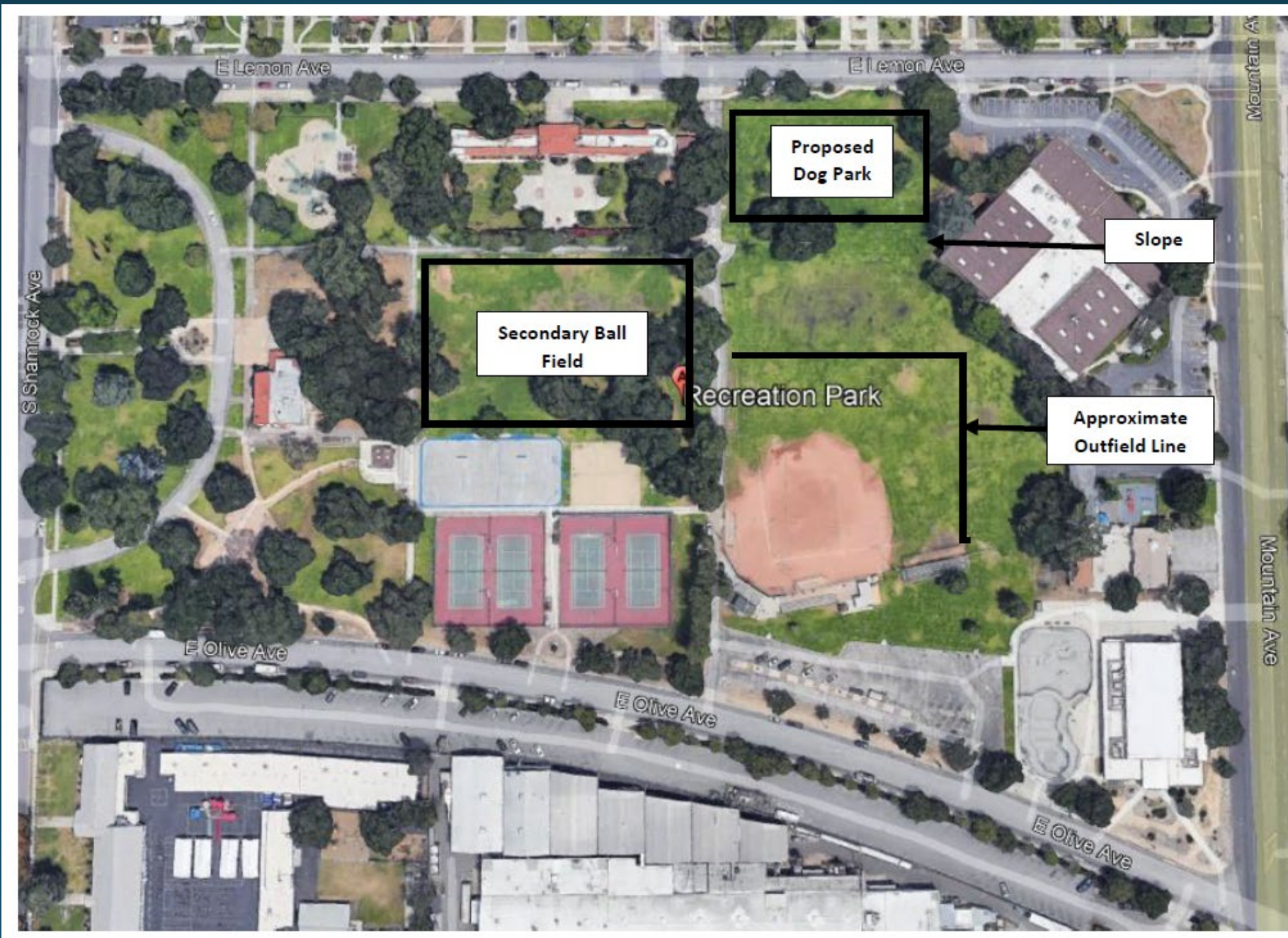
Community Meeting Summary

- City hosted a public meeting at Recreation Park on October 2 to gather community feedback.
- Approximately 45 residents / stakeholders attended the Community Meeting.
- Staff provided an overview on how this initiative developed.
- Shared the outreach staff has conducted to date and the feedback staff has received.
- Opened the meeting up to attendees to share their thoughts and ideas.



Community Meeting





E Lemon Ave

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Mountain Ave

S Shamrock Ave

Proposed Dog Park

Slope

Secondary Ball Field

Recreation Park

Approximate Outfield Line

E Olive Ave

E Olive Ave

Mountain Ave

E Olive Ave



RECREATION PARK

Dog Park

January 23, 2021



Community Meeting Summary

- Majority of the attendees were residents who live near the park.
- Attendees were reminded that the project is only proposed and that we are still in the information gathering phase.
- Most of the attendees who spoke were against the project; *not necessarily the idea of a dog park, just not that location.*
- Three attendees approached staff after the group discussion in support of the project and its proposed location.

Concerns...summarized

- **Safety Concerns:**

- Additional activity will result in more on street parking – Residents often experience cars blocking their driveways
- Children in the neighborhood and those walking on Lemon to Bradoaks School could be scared by the barking dogs
- The dogs will bring disease and / or fleas
- Cars drive fast on Lemon, including emergency vehicles

- **Quality of Life Impacts:**

- Community does not want to lose the open space
- Property Value will diminished
- Park views from resident homes would be eliminated
- The park is for kids, not dogs
- The park will bring bad smells

- **Other Concerns:**

- City should be focused on the kids not dogs
- City should show more support for MYBL
- People can walk their dogs in the park, we do not need a dedicated space for this
- No one knew about the meeting

Other comments shared...

- How many events are held at the Museum annually (pre-COVID)?
 - A letter to residents should go out informing them of events at the Museum
- What alternative locations within Recreation Park have been considered? Do these locations take into account trees, benches, tables, gazebo, etc.?
- Cars and emergency vehicles speed on Lemon – What can be done about that?
 - Lemon and Mountain signal is dangerous
- More baseball fields are needed
- Once there is a dog park (where ever that may be), consider offering rental times for private activities
- Consider alternatives for a dog park such as offer special days for off leash events
- Recreation Park has more maintenance items that need attention rather than building a new amenity
- Can the City ask developers to build a dog park

Alternative locations suggested...

- South side of Recreation Park near the Tennis Courts
- Kiwanis Park at Grand Avenue
- Lucinda Garcia Park
- Sawpit Wash
- Under freeway at Chestnut Avenue and 5th Avenue
- Take a portion of the City Corporate Yard
- Take a portion of the City Well Field



Options for Council Consideration

1. Direct staff to proceed with the Dog Park at the original proposed location and work with residents to mitigate concerns where possible.
2. Direct staff to study alternative locations.
3. Direct staff to take no action.



Questions / Discussion