

**DRAFT Action Plan for Sierra 2/Curtis Park Dog Park Solutions (updated 3/27/2023)**

**Next Steps Per Public Meeting**

Developing a process for Community Input

Budget/ Scope of Work Development/ Permitting and CEQA/Environmental Review

Funding Identification

Provide Schedule Within 45-60 days

**Goals:**

- **Have continued community engagement.**
- **Communicate City Standards and Industry Standards for Dog Parks.**
- **Communicate problems, solutions, and constraints to community.**
- **If applicable, have community provide input on final site plan based on constraints.**
- **Identify funding for future construction/renovations.**
- **Provide schedule and temporary solution that addresses safety and the most equitable use of parks.**

**Action Plan**

Staff reviewed the results from survey and produced an executive summary that was shared with survey results at community meeting held on 2/9/2023 and published on city website. Staff analyzed and categorized community comments and concerns reported in survey to identify issues and support development of appropriate interim and long-term solutions. Solutions and next steps are outlined below:

1. Interim/short term solutions & next steps:
  - a. Per community feedback, the current temporary dog park solution does not have shade, it lacks water (water fountain for dogs), and it impedes the use of the sports field for programming. Staff will relocate the temporary dog park fence between the playground and the basketball courts (see exhibit A below). The new location will have tree shade, includes a water fountain with a dog bowl and may include seating inside and outside of the temporary fence. The location will also allow the existing sports field to be used for city programming and permitted sports groups. A new drinking fountain will be added to the children's playground that is accessible by park visitors not using the temporary dog park. The new temporary dog park location is a provisional solution until staff can determine the best location based on additional community engagement through Action Plan process.
    - i. Staff will begin the relocation and reconfiguration of the temporary dog park fence as early as Thursday, 3/30/2023. The container sally port will be relocated so that the entrance abuts 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Staff will remove a portion of the permanent fencing along 4<sup>th</sup> Ave to accommodate the container sally port entrance. The blue Petco fence will be reutilized in the new temporary dog park configuration and additional fencing will be rented. All fencing will be secured with in ground stakes or other supports to ensure stability. Staff anticipates the new temporary dog park configuration to be installed by Friday, 4/7/2023.
    - ii. After the temporary dog park has been relocated, staff will begin necessary field maintenance on the sports field April-May, in preparation for city programs and permitted sports use beginning in June 2023. The sports field will be closed for use while undergoing maintenance to ensure the turf is brought up to a safe, playable condition. Staff anticipate city programs and permitted sports use from June to November.

- b. Staff will increase education efforts around safe park use and City Code 12.72.060(k) that requires all dogs at City parks outside of designated fenced areas to be on a leash. Education period will continue through May 2023, and enforcement measures, including warning citations and administrative citations will be implemented thereafter. YPCE asks for voluntary compliance of the City’s park rules for the safety of all users.
2. Long-term solutions/next steps:
- a. Staff will develop multiple park site plan solutions that address top community concerns and also take into consideration City standards/Industry Standards for dog parks (Exhibit B). This will include both standard design version and budget/value engineered design. These site concept plans will outline the primary concerns and offer solutions on how those community concerns are being addressed in the concept plans.
  - b. Once different alternative site plans are developed, staff will share the proposed solutions with Sierra 2 and Curtis Park neighborhood and community groups. Staff will hold phase 1 Open House meetings to share site plan designs and receive additional community input.
  - c. Following community outreach, the top priority site plan and scope of work will be selected and revised based on several criteria including but not limited to community feedback, city and industry design standards, budget, available space, and data gathered during the implementation of the temporary dog park (June 2023 – September 2023). If the city proceeds with a project, the final site plan and scope of work will be recirculated with community groups.
  - d. Concurrently, staff will identify potential funding based on defined scope of work This may include a budget request into the City’s budget process to establish a CIP and community-led fundraising and sponsorships to fund the project. If or when funding is identified and CIP established, the project would begin.

Action	Timeline	Year
Provide community update on next steps and Action Plan	Mar 30 <sup>th</sup>	2023
Begin relocation of temporary dog park	March 31 <sup>st</sup>	2023
Complete temporary dog park relocation	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	2023
Install drinking fountain at playground	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	2023
Begin field maintenance – sports field closed for use	April-May	2023
Increased education efforts on park rules and required compliance begins	April-June	2023
Concept Plan Development phase 1	May	2023
Open House Meeting phase 1. (Meet with community groups to share concept plans and receive feedback on current dog park configuration)	June	2023
Monitor temporary dog park and park use to inform Concept Plans	June-August	2023
Incorporate community group feedback & temporary dog park use into Concept Plans	August-Oct	2023
Open House Meeting 2. (Provide Revised Concept Plans to community groups)	Oct-Nov	2023
Go to City Council to Establish a CIP for Dog Park Improvements	Dec	2023
Project Design Phase	Dec-Feb	2023-24
Construction-8-12 month depending on scope of work	March	2024

**Exhibit A**



**Exhibit B**

## **Dog Parks Guidelines 10-20-2022**

- ⇒ Must Comply with City of Sacramento Dog Park Guidelines.
- ⇒ 3 chamber system if space allows.
- ⇒ 1 acre minimum for large dog park, 0.5 acre for small dog park. If less than 0.5 acre, must be approved by Landscape Architect. No turf shall be used on dog parks less than 0.5 acres.
- ⇒ Located in Community or Regional Parks unless approved by Director of YPCE.
- Chain link fencing is preferred, no tubular steel fencing. 4' minimum height for small dog park. 6' minimum height for large dog park. Fencing must have top and bottom rail as well as concrete mow curb at base of fence and maintenance gates. The gap at the bottom of the fence fabric or gates should be less than 2".
- Provide a fenced double gate entry vestibule, and standard dog park entry and dog park rules.
- Provide Trash receptacle at locations shall be easily access by maintenance.
- ⇒ Drain inlets must have small opening grates to prevent paw entrapment.
- ⇒ Benches and tables shall be solid, such as concrete, without perforations or slats that could cause paws or nails to get stuck.
- ⇒ Turf areas shall be hydroseeded and minimum 90-day maintenance period.
- ⇒ Dog Park shade shall be 20'x20' Single post canopy.
- ⇒ Drinking Fountain with dog bowl shall be provided at each chamber with drain inlet nearby to catch any overflow.