

MEMORANDUM

TO: Park Advisory Commission

FROM: Dog Park Subcommittee of the Park Advisory Commission

DATE: May 19, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution accepting the 'Recommendations and Guidelines for Dog Park Site Selection, Design, Operations and Maintenance'

Attached is a report developed by the Dog Park Subcommittee of the Park Advisory Commission entitled 'Recommendations and Guidelines for Dog Park Site Selection, Design, Operations and Maintenance' for your consideration and approval.

In 2013, a subcommittee of the Parks Advisory Commission was formed to develop a process to select locations for future dog parks. The subcommittee spent two years researching dog park development in other communities, held three public meetings and sent out two surveys to obtain public input. Subcommittee meetings were posted and open to the public.

The report provides background and history of the development of dog parks in Ann Arbor, presents findings from research of other communities as well as a summary of the public input, and provides guidelines for locating, designing, and operating new dog parks as well as recommendations for management of and improvements to existing dog parks. The document also outlines the process that will be followed to evaluate future dog park locations, considering factors such as site conditions, and resident consensus. The report also recommends that a task force be formed including citizens, Parks Advisory Commission members and staff to evaluate and determine locations for future dog parks and to guide the public process to obtain input about the proposed locations.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 'RECOMMENDATIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR DOG PARK SITE SELECTION, DESIGN, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE'

Whereas, In 2013, PAC created a dog park subcommittee to establish guidelines and recommendations for locating, designing and maintaining dog parks;

Whereas, The Dog Park Subcommittee devoted considerable time and effort to learn more about dog park development in communities around the country, and engaged the public through public meetings and surveys;

Whereas, the subcommittee developed 'Recommendation and Guidelines for Dog Park Site Selection, Design, Operations and Maintenance' to create formal guidelines regarding the placement of new dog parks and the management and improvement of existing dog parks in Ann Arbor,

Resolved, PAC accepts the Dog Park Subcommittee report as proposed to guide the process of locating additional dog parks and managing existing dog parks in the City of Ann Arbor.