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Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee

Proposal to the Civano HOA for a Dog Park in Civano

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Objective: To provide a safe place for Civano residents and their dogs to socialize and gather for exercise and community connection among dog owners.

Projected benefits to the community:

1. Reduce pet waste on the walk ways and trails in Civano.
2. Reduce the need to drive a considerable distance to a dog park in town.
3. Community connection among residents.
4. Safe place for our dogs to exercise and play.
5. Added amenity and appeal to our community.

Considerations:

1. Select a suitable location and possibly two- one site for large dogs and another for small dogs or one in the front and one in the back of Civano.
2. Preparation and construction of chosen site.
3. Cost of build out and maintenance.
4. Fundraising.
5. City codes and guidelines.

Proposal: The purpose of this proposal is to approve of a site and request a financial donation from the HOA for the initial build out of the dog park and then to pay for the liability insurance each year thereafter.

1. Sites to consider for approval-
 - **Park at entry of Civano** across from the nursery-(most wanted and suggested by many in community) it is under utilized and already has most of what is needed- trees, benches and walls on two sides. It would only need fencing or walls on two sides and new ground cover that is easier on dogs' feet. It would be the most cost effective site to build out a dog park in. It only has four homes bordering it and we have gotten approval from those residents, with the understanding that we will allow for a buffer zone between their properties and the park for privacy and noise concerns. * (please review the cost analysis of this location provided on last page of this document)
 - **Retention Pond area at Civano and Houghton-** Would not be used during high monsoon season but could be used the rest of the year. It only has two homes bordering it. It would require fencing and shade trees as well as some benches added to the site.

- **Long shot possibilities-**

1. Land donation from Tom Doucette in the Orchards
2. Serenity Park
3. Sierra Morado joint use dog park
4. Commercial space from between Global Solar and south end of Civano Blvd across from the Orchards
5. Empty lot at the end of E. Roystons Lane next door the nursery- see if Civano Nursery would donate?

2. Construction and design-

- Fencing consistent with the design around common areas of Civano
- Perhaps also concrete/stucco wall on one side
- Either hire out labor or gather volunteer work parties in Civano to help
- Quotes from contractors for comparison

3. Fundraising-

- Request seed money from HOA to start
- Request donation from Neighborhood Association
- Apply for Pro Neighborhood Grant
- Individual and Business (local vets and animal related businesses) sponsorships- \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000 which would be acknowledged in some way either with a tile or plaque on the fence, wall or a bench in the dog park
- Dog washes- initially and then have two annual Civano dog washes for maintenance money after the dog park has been built
- Art show

4. City Codes and permits- no permits from the city are required if we do not have any shelter structures. They have recommended a suggested list of rules to post at the entrance of the dog park and to have operating hours. We would modify these rules a bit to fit our community's specific needs and requests.

*** Estimated Cost analysis of park at front entrance of Civano-**

- Leslie-lock fence consistent fence design already used in public areas of Civano, would be used as the fencing for the new dog park.
497' total of outside perimeter of park x 12 inches in each foot= 5,964" divided by each fencing unit which is 93" long = 64 total units of fencing needed @ \$105.39 per unit retail cost = \$6745.
- We would also use hardware cloth mesh fencing at the bottom of the fence for security of small dogs since the Leslie-lock fencing has 4" spaced pickets that small dogs may be able to squeeze through. The hardware cloth is ½ " squares and 3' high for security and reinforcement of the bottom of the fence comes in 100' rolls @ \$60 per roll X 650' needed = \$650.
- We would also build a dirt embankment between the four homes that border one side of the park for noise reduction and privacy. To build an embankment we may need about 40+ tons of fill dirt at 11.50 per ton and no delivery charge for a total cost = \$500 for 40 tons.
- We would post signs at each of the two entrances, as well as a lit of rules and dog park hours. There is quite a range of signs styles and options and sizes so we are doing a ball park figure on this one of \$500.
- For ground cover that is easier on dogs' feet we would use a decomposed granite, which is \$11.50 per ton. We would probably use About 10 tons for only some of the areas. It would not be necessary to use it on the entire area. D & D Materials has a \$35 delivery charge for anything under 26 tons. Total cost for DG \$11.50 x 10 tons + \$35 delivery charge = \$115.
- We would also need to add two more trash cans and pet waste bag dispensers. Each dispenser is \$79 x 2= \$158 + cost of bags (20 rolls (200 bags/roll) \$119 + the posts @ \$20 each = \$139 total for the posts + the cost of 2 more 30 gallon trash cans that cost \$359.07 each x 2= \$718.14 total. The total for trash cans, bag dispensers (w/bags) and posts \$1015.14.
- The total cost for a new dog park at the front entrance to Civano park would be \$9,525.14