



Memorandum

Date: 10/22/2024

Meeting of: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

File No. CM 24-502

Type: Committee Memo

TO: Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

FROM: Mayor Angela Birney

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Parks	Darcey Rayner Shepard	Park Operation Manager
Parks	Dave Tucheck	Deputy Director Parks

TITLE:

Community Garden & Dog Park Updates

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Update on Community Garden expansions and Pop-Up Dog Parks

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

REQUESTED ACTION:

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
PARCC Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
A brief update on the Community Garden expansion and Dog Parks from the 2023-2024 budget.

OUTCOMES:

Community gardens and dog parks were identified as a high need in the 2017 and 2022 PARCC Plan update. These were prioritized in the 2023-2024 budget process in response to our growing community and increased demands, particularly in the downtown core. The first pop-up dog park at Luke McRedmond Park opened in 2023, along with a garden

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expansion at Juel Park, which included five raised accessible beds. In 2024, parks staff completed two pop-up dog parks (Luke McRedmond Park and Hartman Park), realized by cost savings by re-using sports field fencing. A new community garden is planned for Anderson Park that is currently in progress.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**

2022-2024

- **Outreach Methods and Results:**

Information gathered from the 2017 PARCC Plan, the 2022 PARCC Plan update, surveys at Derby Days, and questionnaires at the Let's Connect pop-up dog park webpage.

- **Feedback Summary:**

The feedback was overall supportive and appreciative of both projects, and feedback was mostly positive on locations for the dog parks, with downtown being an area with highest needs. The public is looking for a permanent dog park amenity.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

Community Gardens 2023-2024 Budget: \$77,500

Pop-Up Dog Parks 2023-2024 Budget: \$102,000

Approved in current biennial budget:

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

Budget Offer Number:

CIP

Budget Priority:

Healthy & Sustainable

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

If yes, explain:

Cost savings from re-using sports field fencing resulted in producing two pop-up dog parks for 2024.

Funding source(s):

CIP

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

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COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action

Time Constraints:

N/A

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Community Garden & Dog Park Updates