



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

*Recreation Department*

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**City Council Meeting Date: February 3, 2026**

**To:** City Council  
**From:** Andrea Miller, Recreation Director  
**Date:** January 26, 2026

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**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) Recommendation to City Council to Consider Community Dog Park Survey

**BACKGROUND:** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) has been engaged in discussions regarding future five-year capital project recommendations for enhanced recreational amenities on the island. During these discussions, the concept of a dog park emerged as a distinct topic warranting separate consideration. Timeline of discussions below:

- **August 21, 2025:** PRAC began discussions on future five-year capital project recommendations.
- **September 18, 2025:** The concept of a dog park was introduced by several committee members. Consensus was reached to separate this item from other potential projects for focused consideration.
- **October 16, 2025:** Committee members were provided historical dog park information from 2007 through the 2009 referendum. Discussion began regarding a potential community survey to gauge interest.
- **November 20, 2025 & January 15, 2026 (no December 2025 meeting):** Staff provided memo with additional dog park information for consideration. PRAC reached consensus to recommend that City Council consider releasing a community survey to determine interest and support for a dog park concept.

PRAC recommends that City Council approve the release of the attached community survey to gather input regarding the dog park concept. If survey results indicate community interest, PRAC suggests that next steps, such as identifying potential locations, funding sources, and design considerations, be explored.

**FUNDING SOURCE:** N/A

**RECOMENDED ACTION:** Council discussion and direction to staff

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