



Memorandum

TO: MAYOR LICCARDO

FROM: Councilmember Esparza

SUBJECT: BUDGET DOCUMENT

DATE: 5/27/2021

Approved *Maya Esparza*

Date 5/27/2021

RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendation be enacted.

Proposal

Program/Project Title: Tully Dog Park

Amount of City Funding Required: \$100,000

This change is:

One-time Ongoing

Cost Estimate Number (if applicable): 38

Proposal Description, including the reason for the need and anticipated outcomes (Please describe how the proposal will affect services for San José residents, community groups, businesses, etc.):

Located along the Coyote Creek Trail, the Tully Ballfields and surrounding area have had a long history of underutilization that has led to numerous challenges with blight and illegal dumping, illustrated by the recent removal of a staggering 19 tons of garbage from the site during a recent community clean up event.

The Tully Library and Ballfields serves as one of relatively few public amenities at the nexus of several very underserved and severely overcrowded communities, with children and families as far away as Santee depending on this community resource. This funding will provide for the development of a dog park on the site which will promote activation and cater to the many dog owners in the community. This idea was brought forward by the community, and we anticipate it will be very popular with residents. This is also a matter of addressing inequity in our community. Seven is the only Council District in San Jose without a dog park.

In addition to the immediate benefits to the surrounding communities, this dog park also serves to activate an important junction along the City’s regional Coyote Creek Trail. As the City plans to invest tens of

millions of dollars in developing this enormous regional asset, this funding will be a relatively small investment that will help ensure activation and positive community use along the heart of the trail. Activation of the Ballfields, trail, and surrounding areas is critical to reducing blight and ensuring the continued community benefit of the site and Coyote Creek Trail going forward.

We are looking for a way to quickly activate the area as a dog park while a longer-term strategy is devised for a permanent dog park in this location. A permanent dog park is estimated to cost \$500,000. This initial funding will help address inequity and support a community-driven project that will serve some of our hardest-impacted communities and families as we work to ensure an equitable recovery.

Funding Source

Essential Services Reserve: \$100,000

Other (Please specify program/project/fund):

Department or Organization Contact

Please list the contact information for the individual that certified cost estimates contained within your recommendation:

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