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Meeting Date: March 20, 2025

To: Parks and Trails Commission

From: Jessica Christensen Buck, Recreation Supervisor

Re: Dog Survey Summary

The City of Corcoran conducted a survey in February 2025 to gather community feedback on dog amenities and park usage. The survey received 65 responses, providing valuable insights into current park usage, desired amenities, and support for a dedicated dog park.

Key Findings:

- Dog Ownership and Park Visits:
 - 82% of respondents own at least one dog (52% own one dog, and 29% own two or more).
 - Park visitation with dogs varied: 23% visit rarely, 22% weekly, 20% never, 15% monthly, and 5% daily.
- Dog-Friendliness of Parks:
 - 29 respondents were unsure or had no opinion.
 - 15 rated parks as "Good," 11 as "Fair," 7 as "Poor," and 3 as "Excellent."
- Desired Amenities:
 - The most requested amenities were dog waste stations (44 mentions), off-leash areas (39 mentions), and water stations (35 mentions).
 - Additional requests included agility equipment (14 mentions), shaded rest areas, and separate small dog areas.
- Interest in a Dedicated Dog Park:
 - 66% of respondents support a dedicated dog park, with another 20% expressing conditional interest based on location.

- Location suggestions varied, but included near City Hall, City Park, within/near the Bellwether community, CR30/CR116, east side, and an area open with trails.
- Funding and Maintenance:
 - 39% are willing to pay a small annual fee for maintenance, 31% are open to the idea, and 20% answered no.
- Community Concerns and Comments:
 - Comments highlighted enthusiasm for new dog amenities, as well as concerns about maintaining safety and cleanliness.
- Demographics:
 - 63 Corcoran residents, 2 respondents in Hennepin County outside of Corcoran
 - 52% of respondents were adult only households, with no children under the age of 18.
 - Respondents were primarily 35-44 (25 respondents) and 65+ (24 respondents) years of age.

This feedback highlights a strong community interest in enhancing dog-friendly spaces. No action is required at this time, but as the Parks and Trails Commission continues to work through park planning this can be helpful in determining some of the desires of the community.

Attachments

None