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DOG PARK

For

El Dorado Park

Gerrie Schipske hosted a Lakes, Ponds, & Wetlands Taskforce Meeting on April 21st. and invited Ramon Arevalo, Parks Maintenance Supervisor, to provide a presentation about a proposal offered by Petsmart & Nutra Dog Foods to develop a “Dog Park” for El Dorado Park. Petsmart has made this proposal in the interest of providing a place, over here on the east side of town, for dogs to run free.

There are currently three “Dog Parks” in Long Beach;



Recreation Park - 5201 E 7th St.

This park is located close to the Casting Pond, with two fenced areas, one for large dogs and one for small dogs. Parking is provided in a small lot adjacent to the site.



Belmont Shore - 4800 E Ocean Blvd.

Located on the beach and contained by use of cones. The area runs down to the water. Free for walk-ins or paid parking in adjoining lot.



Bixby Knolls - 4600 Long Beach Blvd, an extension to Scherer Park.

This one also features two fenced areas designed for large and small dogs. Free parking in lot adjacent to Long Beach Blvd.

The proposal, for El Dorado Park, envisions the use of an area of the park, north of Wardlow Rd bordering the Long Beach Towne Center. Two scenarios were presented for discussion: the first would be for a large dog area of 85,035 sq. ft. and a small dog area of 28,365 sq. ft., all fenced with benches for seating, drinking fountains, and means of disposal of dog waste. The second proposal featured a larger area for the large dogs, up to 276,450 sq. ft. with a 15,000 small dog area. The final size is entirely up for suggestion and wouldn't be set until all parties have had a chance to weigh in on the proposal.

Petsmart & Nutra would prepare and maintain the area until such time as a volunteer force, such as Friends of the Park could be organized to keep up with the maintenance. Eventually as the grass in the area is worn away, decomposed granite would be incorporated in the maintenance of the area.

Where would the Park be located?

The proposal is to create the dog parks in the northernmost section of the park backing up to the Long Beach Towne Center. Access would be through existing park entrances, with an additional automatic gate at the entrance near the Police Pistol Range at Dovey Drive. Visitors would have to pay for a yearly pass to be able to drive in, but walk-ins, parking in the Towne Center parking lot, would be allowed to walk in for free.

The area under consideration is felt to be little used, being on the north side of the existing roadway, north of the Glider hill area and could provide a needed area for dog owners on this side of town.

Petsmart and Nutra would benefit from having their names at the entry to the park in consideration of their work.

This is a proposal and Gerrie Schipske would like to hear what neighbors think of the idea. She has asked that comments be directed to her office at (562) 570-6932 or 570-3102. If you prefer, write a letter and send to her office at 333 W. Ocean Blvd, 14th Floor, Long Beach, 90802.

E-mails will also be welcomed, district5@longbeach.gov.

I am certain if this project goes forward that there will be another community meeting to present the final proposal, but don't wait to contact the councilwoman's office with your position or suggestions.

In the last newsletter I talked about the potential for large numbers of coyotes, raccoons and possums invading our neighborhoods this year. One of our neighbors offered this bit of advice for warding off possums, like cats and dogs; they are easily dispersed by spraying them with a burst of water. The coyotes are a different matter and I think the best advice is to call for help if you see one. Recent reports in the Press Telegram say that they are becoming well familiar with our neighborhood and are not easily frightened off. Please call 911 if you spot any coyotes roaming our streets.

Cecil B. De Mille Middle School

Farewell Reunion

June 11, 2010, 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to all Alumni, parents, teachers and anyone else wishing one last look at the school prior to demolition, scheduled to begin August of 2010.

Pass the word along to anyone you think might be interested.

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