

Dog Park Update – September 27, 2012

Currently in the concept plan of the design phase, the Community Services Department is well underway with the community engagement portion of the project. The public is being encouraged to give feedback about the dog park amenities through a variety of ways including the Brea Line, the City's website, press releases, targeted mailings, social media and the opportunity to submit written comments at the Brea Community Center.

The Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission held a meeting on Tuesday, September 25 and led a discussion regarding the Dog Park. More than 25 people were in attendance. The following is a summary of dog park concerns and amenities that the public expressed:

- Size of the park
- Operating hours
- Trees to provide ample shade
- Water features
- Traffic concerns on Santa Fe Road
- Timing of the project
- Parking
- Maximum dog occupancy in the parks
- Signage
- Dog and dog owner etiquette
- Benches
- Lighting
- Threat of coyotes
- Trail connection

The overall consensus from the meeting had overwhelming support for the Dog Park. Staff recognized "The DOGuardians," a non-profit corporation that serves as a voice for dog owners to establish a dog park in the North Orange County area. This group's extensive community engagement process in 2004-2006, identified potential dog park amenities, funding/cost issues, common concerns and overall benefits. By using the information gathered in 2004-2006, staff will be able to build on those ideas and incorporate them into the current dog park design.

The next steps include gathering all the public input from the community engagement process and share them with the developer. October 5th will be the final day for public comments.