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**To:** Lemoore City Council  
**From:** Tom Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Director      **ITEM #** 7  
**Date:** November 28, 2007  
**Subject:** Development of Dog Park

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**Discussion:**

Several months ago staff was approached by a citizen (Randell Harper) who was interested in having a dog park in Lemoore. She had spoken to other dog owners who were also interested in developing a dog park and would help with keeping the facility clean if a dog park was built. In recent months, Staff has met with two of the Parks and Recreation Commissioners (Lori Rossiter and Randell Harper) and two other dog owners to discuss the feasibility of developing a dog park in Lemoore. On November 13, 2007, the Parks and Recreation Commission was presented information, a proposed cost and drawing for 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park area. After some discussion it was unanimously voted to support the development of a dog park and recommend to City Council approval of \$24,880 of Parks Capital budget monies for a dog park to be located at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park, using an existing access to the park from Tammy Lane.

Parks and Recreation Staff (Tom Hernandez and Joe Simonson) visited dog parks in Visalia and Hanford and briefly spoke with park users about the pros and cons of having a dog park. Most dog parks are run by citizens / dog owners that keep the facility clean and maintained (other than mowing). Mrs. Harper is willing to work with the Parks and Recreation Department in organizing a group that would provide this service at the dog park.

Included in this packet is a proposed drawing of the area, signage used in Visalia, and a cost breakdown.

**Budget Impact:**

The Parks Capital Improvement Budget Fiscal Years 2006 - 2008 were estimated to be \$897,000 in Parks Capital Fund and Grant Funding. The expenditures for the FY 06 – 08 are expected to be \$665,269 including previously requested amendments. As shown on the proposed cost breakdown the project is estimated at \$24,880 and could be funded from the funds still available.

**Recommendation:**

That the Lemoore City Council approve the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Commission for the development of a dog park at 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park and amend the Capital Improvement Projects – Parks Budget to reflect the \$24,880 cost of installation.