

# CITY OF CHINO HILLS

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### PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO CONSIDER DOG PARK AT MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING

The Chino Hills Parks and Recreation Commission is scheduled to consider a staff recommendation to include a one-acre dog park at the Vila Borba project where grading is set to begin in the Butterfield Ranch area. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 14000 City Center Drive. The park would be constructed by the developer and current schedules call for its completion in the summer of 2015. Workshops held in January and February gathered public input and further reviewed three park sites that met the desired dog park criteria including Alterra Park, Butterfield Park, and Vellano Park. Notices were mailed to 641 residents surrounding Alterra Park, Butterfield Park, and Vellano Park for Workshop II.

Residents who live adjacent to the three parks have expressed concern about noise, parking, impact on or elimination of existing uses, traffic, safety, proximity of homes. Additional concerns include the potential that a dog park would become a regional attraction, maintenance concerns, and concerns that dog owners do not comply with leash laws currently. The City received approximately 70 emails against locating a dog park at the identified parks.

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“We faced the same concerns from neighbors in 2000 when we were trying to find a location for a dog park,” said Jonathan Marshall, Community Services Director. “We approached the Vila Borba development to see if they would consider partnering with the City to create a win/win situation where home buyers would be aware of the existence of a dog park when they made their choices to purchase a home.”

According to Mr. Marshall, the whole topic died for lack of finding a location in 2000 and the idea to approach the developer could solve that issue this time around.

The developer, Standard Pacific is required to build a five-acre park site. There would be no cost to the City if this location is selected for a dog park.

If the Parks and Recreation Commission approves the recommendation to select the Vila Borba park site, potential park designs and amenities will be presented to the Commission at their June 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and the recommendation would be forwarded to the Council for consideration at the July 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.