



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
Dave Perrault, City Administrator

FROM: Lucas J. Miller Assistant Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Dog Park Donation – Boston Scientific

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
\$ 0	\$ 5,523.00	\$5,000.00 Donation
		\$ 523.00 General Fund

Council Should Consider

Council should consider accepting the donation of \$5,000.00 and volunteer work from Boston Scientific for the purpose of dog park equipment for Perry Dog Park.

Background

Boston Scientific reached out to Committee Member Poelzer to offer a donation of \$5,000.00 and hands-on volunteer work with Boston Scientific staff for efforts that would be helpful to PTRC’s goals. At the PTRC Meeting on April 18, 2023, the Committee made the following motions:

A motion was made by Committee Member Poelzer and seconded by Committee Member Nelson that PTRC recommends the City Council accept a \$5,000 donation and volunteer work from Boston Scientific for the purpose of building dog agility equipment at Perry Park.

Chair Hinton amended the motion to say the City should accept the donation and the equipment be installed on the side of the park that might become the large dog area if it were split, and they look at community input on whether they’d like the park split into large and small dog areas. Committee Member Rogers seconded the amendment. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Member Poelzer researched equipment that would fit within the donation's budget with the City's regular play equipment vendor, Minnesota Wisconsin Playground. One suggestion that was offered for consideration was their Bronze Package (detailed in Attachment A). However, the total cost of this package is \$5,523.00, including freight fees (detailed in Attachment B). Lastly, the Bronze Package includes some equipment selections and color selections that need to be discussed and decided upon in the future. The final equipment selections have not yet been discussed by PTRC.

Discussion

If this donation and volunteer work is accepted by Council and used on Perry Dog Park equipment, initial comments from Public Works would note that upkeep and maintenance would be the responsibility of the City as once the equipment is installed, the City would take ownership. This would include future repairs, upkeep, replacement and potential winter storage.

Budget Impact

Boston Scientific Donation \$5,000.00

Estimated cost of Dog Park Equipment \$5,523.00. Any costs over the donation amount would need to be funded by the General Fund.

Attachments

Attachment A – Dog Park Equipment Bronze Package details

Attachment B – Minnesota Wisconsin Playground cost breakdown