Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:
Municipal Services Taxing Unit funding for the Feather Sound Community Services District for the installation of a dog park at Earl Maize Recreation Area.

Recommended Action:
Approval of the Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) funding request, in the amount not to exceed $20,000.00, for the Feather Sound Community Services District (FSCSD) for the installation of a dog park at Earl Maize Recreation Area.

- Residents have long desired a community dog park and the FSCSD voted in favor of submitting a request for MSTU funding for this purpose.
- Separate large and small dog parks will be installed at Earl Maize Recreation Area.
- The total cost of the project will be $23,902.08 and the FSCSD will fund the remaining $3,902.08.

Strategic Plan:
Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality
4.6 Support a vibrant community with recreation, arts, and culture to attract residents and visitors

Deliver First Class Service to the Public and Our Customers
5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

Summary:
The Feather Sound Community Services District is a special taxing district that was created by a vote of the residents of Feather Sound. The District is responsible for maintaining the street lighting, common areas, and recreational areas in the Feather Sound community.

The Earl Maize Recreation Area is the main recreation facility in the community. The dog parks will be located at this site with contains a large green space. There will be separate dog parks for large and small dogs. The dog parks will consist of fencing, a holding area, and waste stations. These will be maintained by the FSCSD.

Background Information:
The residents of the Feather Sound community have long desired a dog park. Currently the closest dog parks are located in the cities of Pinellas Park and St. Petersburg. Earl Maize Recreation Area provides an ideal location for the addition of a dog park and this is in line with other recreation activities that occur on this site.

The total cost of the dog park is $23,902.08. The FSCSD has voted in favor of the dog park and will fund the remaining $3,902.08.

Fiscal Impact:
This request for funding in the amount of $20,000.00 is a one-time expenditure of budgeted MSTU Special Project funds. Funding is included in the General Government MSTU cost center within the General Fund and is consistent with amounts provided during FY22 budget development.

Staff Member Responsible:
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Partners:
Feather Sound Community Services District

Attachments:
MSTU Special Projects Funding Application FSCSD
FSCSD Dog Park Estimate