

DATE: 5/6/2026

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

AGENDA ITEM: Harrington Park Concept and Fundraising Approval

HISTORY:

As a staple park for the community, Harrington Park has the ability to provide various recreation and leisure opportunities. The park is full of possibilities, several of those are named in the 2040 plan. They include development of a dog park, rehabilitation of the disc golf course, expansion and connection of the trail network in the community, expansion of adult recreation opportunities, and increasing partnerships to enhance recreation opportunities, and community aesthetics. Renovation of Harrington Park checks many of the boxes that Vision 2040 has identified as priorities. The various components of the park are listed below. The amenities for each component will be dependent upon the dollars raised throughout a capital campaign or will need to be phased in over time.

- **Dog Park:** Key amenities would include fencing, 3 play areas (large dog over 40 lbs., small dog under 40 lbs., training area, water and electricity to the site, security system, shade, benches, agility and play equipment, potential shelter/building for events.
- **Frisbee Golf Course Expansion:** 9 mobile tee boxes, water crossings (bridge, boardwalks, stepping stones), signage.
- **Trail:** Paved and asphalt milling trail throughout the park
- **Sand Volleyball:** Relocation of Sand Volleyball Court at Aquatic Center to Harrington Park.
- **Restroom Renovation:** More aesthetically appealing exterior, interior renovation and fixture updates.

CONCEPTUAL INFORMATION

In order to move forward with the renovation of the park to securing funding, it is vital to have conceptual plans for the entire park, including the Nevada Bark Park, approved by the City Council. Please see attached concepts.

PROJECT FUNDING

Funding for park improvements would be secured through a capital campaign, potential grants and budgeted parks and recreation project dollars. In order to start renovations, a minimum amount of private funding would need to be secured. For fundraising purposes, we have put together budget information for the Nevada Bark Park. Please note, there would be a minimum dollar amount needed to be raised in order to start any renovation efforts.

FUNDING EXAMPLE

Using the Nevada Bark Park as an example, it is anticipated, at a minimum, the park would cost \$128,500. This would include, the following: fencing, welcome pad, custom security, water fountains, waste stations, and electrical. **Please note monetary and in-kind donations, without any formal fundraising efforts through the Nevada Foundation, equate to \$51,000.** Additional funding needed to start the Dog Park project would be \$77,500 as a combination of private, city and grant funding.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

It is important to note that a capital campaign would encompass the entire park. There would be naming opportunities for areas of the Dog Park, frisbee golf hole sponsors, etc. After the fundraising effort is completed, both the Park and Recreation Board and City Council would determine phasing of the renovations based on available dollars through private funding, grants and any additional city contributions.

OPTIONS:

1. Accept the concepts and move forward with a capital campaign through the Nevada Foundation.
2. Do nothing at this time and bring back additional information for council discussion.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The Park Board and staff recommend proceeding with Option #1. With \$51,000 of already secured funding, there is potential that various components of the park could be completed **without** the City being the main funding contributor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 382-4352 (office) or by email at nevadarecreation@gmail.com



LEGEND

	PROPERTY LINE
	PAVED TRAIL
	NON-PAVED TRAIL
	DOG PARK FENCING
	FRISBEE GOLF-TEE BOX
	FLIGHT PATH, & HOLE
	LIMESTONE BOULDER CROSSING

SCALE
AS SHOWN
VANS PROJECT NO.
DRAWN BY
CHECKED BY
DATE
SHEET 1

CONCEPTUAL LAYOUT
HARRINGTON PARK
NEVADA, IA
2025

REVISIONS

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION





Minimum investment threshold to proceed with park - above 50% is agility equipment, additional turfing, benches and sunshades

Security system - Estimate in Planning
Wellmark 3-Point Play Community Award \$17k

50%

Welcome pad & custom fencing entry system for dogs
Dog Water Fountains & Waste Stations
Costs total \$45K

40%

Fencing costs are estimated at \$45K
Silent donation of \$20K covered towards this

30%

Electrical costs are estimated at \$21,500
Donation of \$14K covered towards this
Water costs - Estimate in planning

20%

Council has approved location on city-owned property

10%

BASE Project Cost:

\$128,500

-\$14,000 Electrical Donation

-\$20,000 Silent Donation

-\$17,000 Award

\$77,500 remaining to fundraise

(and/or allocate partially from additional Parks and Rec Project

Budget if necessary)

Additional monies fundraised would be used for

agility equipment, benches, sunshades and potential

additional turfing