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Discussion of Eastside Off- Leash Area

Shoreline City Council
August 10, 2020



Financial implications

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- Original budget for leasing the Eastside OLA was \$2,400 for all of 2020 based on the rate \$200 per month, which had been the lease rate since 2013.
- On July 1st rate increased to \$1,000 per month for July and August
- On September 1 rate will increase to \$4,356 per month for September through December
- The total lease payment for 2020 would be \$20,624, which is \$18,224 over budget
- If the City were to terminate the Eastside OLA lease and develop a new interim OLA at James Keough Park, staff estimates the capital cost would be between \$75,000 and \$150,000 in one-time funding and take 3-months to implement.

Recommendation

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- Approach the State to negotiate a reasonable rent based on a more appropriate assessment of the fair market value.
- Continue the current lease at the increased lease rate through either September or October 2020
- If the City is not on a successful pathway to a negotiated solution with DSHS by either September or October 15, 2020, that the City should give notice, close the Eastside OLA and replace it with an interim OLA in James Keough Park.



Alternative

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- Terminate Lease by August 15th
- Do not to challenge the State's appraisal of fair market rent
- Give notice to terminate the Eastside OLA lease agreement prior to August 15th.
- Staff would immediately post notice of the imminent closure of the Eastside OLA and would remove fencing, signage, etc. by September 1st.
- Open an interim OLA at James Keough – dependent on funding, likely in December 2020



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Questions / Comments

