

To: **Mayor and City Council**
Through: **Ryan Schroeder, City Manager**
From: **Dave Schletty, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director**
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1010 Dodd Temporary Usage

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the January 13, 2020 OCWS, development of a community arboretum and gathering space was discussed for the vacant lot at 1010 Dodd. This project of the Environmental Committee has been temporarily put on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis. Recently, the idea of a temporary gathering and picnic space on this lot has been suggested by Council. With a number of restaurants in the immediate vicinity and current limited indoor and outdoor seating, it would be a good alternate location for residents to gather and enjoy their meals.

Picnic tables could be temporarily placed in the now empty lot in a socially distanced layout (sample layout attached), along with trash and recycling containers. Maintenance and trash removal would need to be temporarily assigned to either parks or streets maintenance staff. The parks department currently has five older picnic tables that were recently replaced with new and are still usable. Additionally, other tables could be temporarily moved from picnic shelters in other parks. Since this is a temporary use, tables would be placed in the grass and would need to be shifted from time to time to trim and mow the grass beneath. Since there is a long-term use identified, that may surrender some of the space to a future roadway realignment project, no permanent improvements, besides possibly some well-placed trees, should be made at this time.

Street parking is permitted on the both the Dodd and Smith sides of the vacant EDA owned lot, which could also be used for temporary placement of Food Trucks.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss temporary usage and provide direction to staff.

Attachment: Sample Layout