

CKCOJ Agility Program & Equipment Storage

The Agility program has undergone many changes over its years of existence. For the past few years Mike Higgs and Jill Grose have led the program. Mike has notified us that for personal reasons, he will , regrettably, not be able to be involved with CKCOJ club activities. This will create some challenges for the Agility program for both instruction and equipment storage and transportation.

Concept

Over the past few weeks we have worked on a plan that could solve the equipment storage and transportation. The proposed solution consists of purchasing a storage/shipping container and placing it permanently at Lena Park. This would become the permanent storage place for the agility equipment and would allow us to significantly downsize our current storage. Outdoor Agility practices would take place at Lena Park.

City Offering

We have worked with Colby Shibler and CBJ Parks & Rec. He indicated that we could place the storage at Lena Park year round for no cost. We would rent Lena Park for practices as we have done with Cope Park. The city would also provide bathroom facilities during the summer. Colby indicated the city has no long term plans for that park other than its current use as a dog park. Colby also indicated that they plan to drag/clean field to remove debris.

Container Costs

The up-front costs for the shipping container would be about \$4,000 and the cost of shipping and installation would be about \$1,000. We are looking and a nearly new condition container to eliminate any up-front maintenance costs. Ongoing costs would consist of about \$150 annually (insurance and touch-up painting/sealing). The savings from reduced storage-unit costs would be about \$1,000 annually, thus the cost recovery would occur in about 5 years.

Cost of Containers is Rising

The cost of shipping containers has been rising rapidly since last year. The cost increase has been over 100% in some cases. This is primarily due to a global shipping crisis as a result of Covid-19. AML no longer has "extra" containers and container brokers are becoming the only source. The world-wide demand has sharply increased as economies begin to emerge from the pandemic. This shortage of containers has led to shipping price increases exceeding 165%. This trend is expected to continue for some time.