

**North Lakes Dog Park Public Meeting Notes
North Lakes Recreation Center: Room B
August 16, 2018 – 7:00PM**

Staff present: Gary Packan, Laura Behrens, Glenn McLain

City Council present: Gerard Hudspeth

Public attendees: About 65 in attendance. Not everyone signed in.

MEETING COMMENTS:

- Residents (a couple) were concerned with the over development of North Lakes park. In addition, the couple requested that more trees be planted. (In comparison to the quantity shown on concepts)
- Need to have a minimum of three play areas.
- Need shade structures, water stations (drinking and cooling) and agility equipment?
- Will traffic congestion and pedestrian/vehicular conflict zones increase with Vela, Animal Shelter and Dog Park all entering & leaving from the same ingress/egress point? Need to check the sequencing of the light when all facilities are completed.
- Need water stations for people and dogs.
- Riney Road residents (a couple) voiced concerns about noise pollution from the Dog Park as well as concerns for the potential of off leash dogs escaping and getting to their chickens. Staff discussed screening shrubs being placed in the northeast quadrant of the dog park to create a visual/physical barrier that would also serve to mitigate noise pollution.
- Like Concept A - More space is needed for dogs. (In comparison to Wiggly Field)
- Like Concept B – More trees and agility equipment. (Compared to the quantity represented in Concepts)
- Would like to see a combination of artificial and natural turf.
- We need a dog park next to the animal shelter.
- Largest park possible.
- Shade structures and water features are the most important.
- Like rectangular shapes for long runs, see drawing on sketch board.
- Consider an alternate location at CH Collins.
- Animal Foundation is excited to be able to program the space with volunteers and dogs.
- McKenna Park is neglected and does not have restrooms. Staff informed the resident that this funding is not applicable for McKenna area, a new playground is being considered at this location. As an example, staff provided the cost of the in quotes for the Quakertown restroom of \$320,000 for a 600+ sq. ft. facility. We will need to prioritize restroom locations.
- Long overdue in north Denton.

- Consider using artificial turf on a portion of the dog park. Provide space for a food truck to park.
- Like the concept of events within the dog park space
- Would like to have rentable space.
- Pavilion space is needed for shade and group meetings.
- Educational signage if a theme is used.
- Dog waste dispensers close and plentiful.
- Lighting? Make sure it does not carry over to the adjacent neighbors.
- Need trees and seating in the play areas.

SKETCH BOARD NOTES

- Enforce regulations.
- Need port-o-jons.
- Fixed dogs and no toddlers or babies in the park.
- Prioritize shade and water features such as a splash pad or rocky river.
- Use subsurface irrigation.
- Washing stations for dogs.
- Water features for swimming.
- No enforcement of fixed dogs.
- Private area for functions (dogs and families).
- Bulletin boards for posting information.
- Map of the park and education boards.
- Mixed dog area for both big and small dogs.
- Use LID lighting in parking area.
- Clearly marked trash and recycling bins.
- No mulch as a surface, won't stay in place.
- People and dog water fountains.
- Dog waste stations throughout.
- Space in parking lot for food trucks.
- Need a picnic area for private events.
- Water fountain, port-o-jon, private area.
- 3 or 4 dog play sections, 3 is a must.
- More trees east of park (north of tennis center).
- Eco-friendly parking lot / walkway material.
- Like the natural wildflower area.

CONCLUSION: Approximately 9:00 PM