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Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 2:00 PM

To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>; Hollas, Melanie <MHollas@StamfordCT.gov>

Subject: Scofieldtown Park Dog Park - YES Neighborhood Support

Hello Melanie and Lesley,

I am writing you this email in regard to the Scofieldtown Park Dog Park proposal that will be discussed during a public hearing soon. Unfortunately, I am unable to make the Zoom meeting on January 17 to show my vocal support, however, I would like to extend my support in a written form. I live on Hannahs Road, which is only several minutes' walk from the park. I walked my dog around the park for a few years already and as a result my dog made a lot of dog friends along the way. I believe it would be wonderful to have a place to meet with local dog owners and have our pups enjoy "leashless" fun. I cannot think of any negative consequences of this project - we have the real estate, we have the neighborhood's support, and it seems that we have the budget. It would certainly add an attraction component to what sometimes feels like a lonely and lifeless park. In addition, our neighborhood has a message chat and based on what I am seeing in the chat, there is an overwhelming support to propel this project towards completion.

Thank you for all the work you do and let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Respectfully,
Alex S.

From: samham@optonline.net <samham@optonline.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 8:45 PM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Scofieldtown Dog Park Question Submission

Hi there,

I am so happy at the thought of having a dog park in the neighborhood.

My question is about the siting of the area for small dogs. Have any other sites at the park been considered for the small dog area? The current site will negate the possibility of adding another tennis (or pickleball) court. The two current courts are very well used right now, and it would be a shame to rule out any chance of future expansion with poor planning now. In addition (and yes, speaking for myself!!) many an errant tennis ball flies over that fence right into the area where the small dog park is marked off. While it might create an entertaining game of fetch for the dogs, it could be dangerous for us humans. Why crowd the high-use areas into one space?

There must be other areas in the park that could be allocated?

Maybe a small portion of the huge area that was somehow allocated to leaf transfer? It still seems oversized now, even with recycling and storm debris events.

Thank you for managing this process, fingers crossed for a dog park soon!

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From: Joanne Goodreds <jgoodreds@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:40 PM
To: Capp, Lesley <LCapp@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Written statement - Scofieldtown proposed dog park

I am unable to attend tonight's public meeting regarding the proposed dog park at Scofieldtown Park but would like to submit a written statement to become part of the public record:

While I do not object to the creation of a dog park at Scofieldtown Park, I vehemently oppose the current proposed location of the two dog parks directly next to the existing tennis courts. These courts are a widely used gem for the Stamford community. Surrounding them with two dog parks, one for small and one for large dogs, will ruin the beauty of the setting and the noise and activity created will clearly be terrible distractions for the tennis and pickle ball players.

Scofieldtown is a large park with virtually nothing other than the existing tennis courts. There is no need to place the dog parks directly next to the courts. In fact, it would make sense to place the dog parks virtually anywhere else within Scofieldtown OTHER than next to the courts. Proximity to the parking lot is not a factor for the dog parks as people are there presumably to exercise their dogs and there is a walkway that circles the entire park to provide access. Moving the dog parks to another site within Scofieldtown will have no negative impact on the dog parks; keeping them as currently proposed will ruin the existing courts.

I urge you to reconsider the current proposal.

Sincerely,

Joanne Goodreds