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Subject: [External] Proposed Off Leash Dog Park

Dear Committee Members,

I am sending this email in opposition to the proposed Off Leash Dog Park in The Sports Village. As a homeowner on Hollybush Drive whose home directly face this park, we already deal with the detrimental impact of people who now uses the baseball diamond and surrounding area as an unauthorized off-leash area.

We are coping with several problems already with this practice. Far too often, dog owners park their cars and let their dogs loose allowing them to run unbounded across to open areas with no consideration for the safety of anyone walking by or enjoying the park. This is dangerous and inconsiderate. Perhaps, when someone is mauled, the city will consider it a serious issue.

Along with families with young children, seniors use this park, yet no thought is given to the needs of others.

Because we care about our environment, we become the de facto sanitation officials, picking up discarded water bottles and coffee cups, that litter the grass, we draw the line and leave the poop-filled discarded bags for others.

When cars are parked directly in front of our home it creates a challenge to exit the driveway, as we do not have a sidewalk or a driveway directly across from us. This is particularly dangerous when pedestrians are walking on the road or two cars are coming from opposite directions.

While I understand that dog owners desire a place for their pets to run freely, placing an off-leash park directly in the midst of homes is not optimal. I urge the committee to consider an area where residents of the street are not directly and devastatingly impacted.

Sincerely,

Camille Hannays