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Subject: Re: Board of Park Commissioners

I would like to make some comments on Item # 43127 - Park & Open Space Plan Final Draft.

In the section on facility demands on page 43 there is a chart of the parks with the most event days. If I understand correctly, this is meant to be the total number of days the park has reservations for events. Quann park is listed as having 17 event days. While this may somehow be true of 'reservations' it is grossly inaccurate as to the number of days the Quann dog park is closed for events. In 2017 the dog park was closed for 61 days and in 2018 the park is scheduled to be closed for over 70 days. These numbers do not even include all the non-scheduled setup and cleanup and repair days for AEC events. I would also point out that for many of the AEC events, closure is for a full 24 hours - not just a few hours.

I point this out in case these numbers are ever used as a means of deciding if a park can handle more event reservations. Within this document you will also see that the most permits sold are for dog parks and the most reservations are for the Quann tennis courts. As a specialty park, the dog park should be exempt from any city sponsored events such as runs through or surrounding the park. Quann dog park gets abused enough by the AEC.

I also point out these statistics as a heads up to the Park commission. Many of the AEC events close the Quann parking lot used by tennis, dog park, playing field and garden patrons. AEC would like to take over more of the park more of the time. If they ever claim full control of Quann-Olin Pwky (formerly Expo Dr), as is shown in their development plans, they will effectively cut off access to the Quann parking lot for every event, not just for their whole campus and Ag events. I hope that the city and Parks cares more about it's residents than tourists and actively works to minimize AEC closures at Quann park.

Sincerely,
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