

From:
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2013 4:45 PM
To: Parks
Subject: Parks Contact Submission: Dog Park Permit

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I live 4 blocks from the Odana School Park, and am an alumnus of Odana School. I will not be able to attend the public input meeting on April 25th, but I do wish to comment. I am a professional city planning consultant and do a substantial amount of park system and park design planning in the Midwest.

Our family strongly supports the use of the park for an off-leash dog park. The park is currently very underutilized. The dog park would fill a need for the surrounding neighborhoods, and is easily buffered from the one residential property to the east on Segoe Road. It is easy to find and get to the park from all over the central west side, without cutting through the neighborhood on local streets. The slope up to the park from Segoe provides a nice sense of separation from the street. The existing parking lot serving the park seems like about the right size for a dog park.

Thank you.

Thanks for arranging the meeting last night. I stated a few of my concerns with patrolling the park. There were examples of some of my frustrations with dog owners at the meeting. The one dog was continually off leash. The one owner stated that he takes his dog to Odana Hills park and lets run. How many dogs were at the meeting at a City park when dogs are not allowed at City parks? My wife and I do support a park, however, we have had enough of the dog owners that do what ever they want. We back up to the far west end of Odana Hills park on Milward. We constantly see dogs running in this park that has posted signs from the west end of the golf course to the west end of the opening at the soccer fields. If this dog park will reduce this blatant abuse, I would be more supportive of the Odana School location. I have contacted the park ranger several times requesting that they come to the park about 5:30 during the week or make visits on the weekend. They need to get out of their vehicle and walk back into the park and look around. Not just drive by.

I recommend that you contact the Midvale Heights neighborhood association and have them publish a notice in the neighborhood flier or on their website.

I would appreciate your thoughts.

Bob Armstrong

Pedretti, Christopher

From: Parks
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 12:39 PM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Subject: FW: Parks Contact Submission: General Parks Questions

From:
Sent: Wednesday, April 03, 2013 12:24 PM
To: Parks
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Hi - I just did your Odana School offleash dog park survey and wanted to make this comment, but there wasn't any comment space in the survey; I don't have dogs, but have friends in the neighborhood who do, so I have no problem with the idea.

But, isn't the location going to be awfully close to traffic, esp given the new HyVee and the Agronomy site apartments opening up? I drive past there all the time and would hate to start seeing dog cadavers or dogs get hit by cars over there.

I did ask a couple of dog-owning friends and they all had the same question. No reply is needed, just wanted to let you know.

Thanks.

Pedretti, Christopher

From: Parks
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 10:38 AM
To: Pedretti, Christopher
Subject: FW: Odana School Park

From: Carolyn Michaelis Berard
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2013 2:24 PM
To: Parks
Subject: Odana School Park

Dear City of Madison Parks Department,

We received the postcard today about making a dog park area at Odana School Park. Our family strongly supports this. We have two young children and often visit William Slater and Segoe Park on Segoe Rd. There have been numerous occasions when we have found large piles of dog poop in these parks. Several times, including this winter, there has been dog poop near the playground equipment where young children are running and crawling. It is my hope that with an off leash dog park in the neighborhood, people would choose to bring their dogs to the dog park instead of to the other neighborhood parks.

Thank you.
Carolyn