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Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 11:27 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Dogs in Parks

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I highly encourage you to allow dogs in all parks. In my experience, dog walkers are a natural and friendly form of policing and neighborhood watch, reducing crime just by their presence and increasing social contact between community members. Open up access to dogs and their responsible owners everywhere.

Thank you,
Stacey M. Schaefer

From: Mel Barnes <melbarnes888@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 11:51 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Dogs in Parks - Nov. 9 Meeting

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Hello,

I'm writing to share a comment in support of dogs being permitted in Madison parks, including those designated for review at the November 9th meeting. I have been happy to see dog owners behaving responsibly and respectfully when bringing their dogs to parks. I also enjoy seeing so many people using our parks for different activities simultaneously, making full use of our shared spaces. Thank you for modernizing our ordinances to permit dogs in parks.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best,

Mel Barnes

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From: CAROLINE ALEXANDER <cmahome@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 12:30 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Dogs in Parks

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Hello commission

It has been such a relief to have more space friendly to dog walking, and so important to mental health of both owners and dogs.

I hope you open more parks to this option. Denver allows off-leash dog walking in most of their parks, and could provide data on that as a possible next step for Madison

Thanks
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From: Anna Finley <anna.j.finley@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 1:35 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Make more Madison parks dog-friendly

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Dear Board of Parks Commissioners,

I was shocked when I moved to Madison in 2019 to learn that the majority of parks in the city prohibited leashed dogs. As a dog owner, most of my time in parks is spent with my dog. I have lived in multiple cities in the United States and visited parks in many more while travelling, and never encountered policies that were so anti-dog as Madison's. I was thrilled when many parks in Madison were opened to allow leashed dogs, and I strongly believe that most if not all parks should be opened to allow leashed dogs to allow dog owners such as myself to have equitable access to recreate in Madison parks. I strongly encourage the Commission to change parks to dog-friendly.

Sincerely,

Anna Finley