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Sent: Friday, November 4, 2022 3:03 PM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Dogs in Parks - Portland Park & Kingston-Onyx Park

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Hello!

I recently received a postcard regarding the dog status of Portland Park. My vote/preference/request would be to **keep Portland Park in its current status as a “dog friendly” park.**

I also saw on the City of Madison Parks Division blog that Kingston-Onyx’s status is also up for review. Again, my preference/request would be for **Kingston-Onyx Park to be changed from dog-free to dog-friendly.**

Reasons:

I live in Rolling Meadows neighbourhood, which is a very dog-friendly neighborhood - indeed, this is one reason why I was attracted to this area! There are always people out walking their dogs, and being able to utilize the neighborhood parks is important. I currently do not have a dog, but can imagine that if/when I do, I would very much like to be able to be in/walk through these close-by parks (Portland and Kingston-Onyx) with my dog, or dogs I am walking with/for other neighbors and friends.

Having said that, I may not know the whole picture or reasons prompting a possible change to dog-free status. If more background information is available that would be helpful.

Also, in general, having dog-poop bags and receptacles available in all (dog-friendly) parks would be fantastic! This is extremely helpful and goes a long way to reducing the free-range poop issue of people not cleaning up after their pooches. Even the most responsible dog-walkers occasionally get caught out without an extra bag, and being able to dispose of it without having to carry it extra blocks back home (particularly those hot summer days) further encourages good poop-havior.

Thank you for your consideration and this feedback opportunity!

Cheers & Woofs,
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From: Eric Roman Beining <erbeining@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 7:11 AM
To: Park Commission <pacommission@cityofmadison.com>
Subject: Kingston-Onyx Park - Dog status meeting

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Hello,

I'm writing because we received a post cards about the meeting to return Kingston-Onyx Park to dog-friendly-status (which we are whole-heartedly enthused about!), but it says the meeting location is to be announced. But we haven't received any additional information and we'd like to attend this meeting to express our support of the park allowing dogs again. Please let me know where we can attend that meeting on Wednesday evening, thanks!

Also, I know comments were supposed to be received by Friday, so I apologize that I'm sending this on Monday morning, but it makes total sense to allow dogs again. This part is basically a huge wide open space. Yes, there's usually a family playing with their kids on the playground equipment, but that's tucked in one corner, and there's occasionally some people playing basketball on the one basketball court ... but every since the park became "Dogs Prohibited" the vast majority of the space of the park is constantly empty. But it used to have people with their dogs (sometimes). And I know that my dog loved when we'd cut through the park on our walks and he'd run through that open area because he loved getting to feel the breeze on his as he sped down that hill.

Kind regards,
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