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**Subject:** Item 14/64149

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I am writing in opposition item 64149 to use Quann dog park for the Christmas in July 5K Run/walk event on July 16, 2021.

Quann dog park is a specialty park paid for by user fees. People can run anywhere but off-leash dog park space in Madison is limited. There are only 3 parks in Madison, including Quann, where people can take a nice long walk with their dog off-leash. In a typical year Quann dog park is closed by AEC for more event-days than any other park in the city. Because AEC events were closing the park so frequently that the park was barely open during the nice summer months, dog park permit funds were used to install the interior fencing to reserve that 7 acre western section as a last resort.

Allowing any city authorized event in Quann dog park establishes a bad precedent. If this run is allowed, many more run/walk events will want to close the dog park until the dog-park dies of a thousand cuts. There are many alternatives to this route such as running through Olin itself, running through Goodman park, running around Willow Island etc. that would not close the dog park. This run route encircling Quann park has become more popular over the last several years and even when it doesn't close the dog park itself, it conflicts with all entrances to the park. Personally, I'd rather see fewer runs encircling Quann, but draw the line at having the dog park itself used and therefore closed. This event with setup of equipment in the dog park would require the park to be closed not just for the run, but the entire setup through take down and cleanup period. Reserving just the seven low quality acres of dog park is not sufficient. Many dog park users need or want the more even walking surface of the roads. There is no direct entry to the small section from the Quann parking lot. The loss of the majority of the park (~30 acres) makes the dog park experience very diminished. Coordination with Parks staff to unlock and reopen the gates in the interior fence will be needed. To date this has not gone smoothly, meaning the park may not get fully reopened until mid day on Saturday or later.

Quann has had many bad experiences with trash left behind by run events in the past. Cleanup for this event is scheduled in the middle of the night - how good a job will they do? Will broken glass and other trash be picked up adequately so that there is no danger to our barefoot dogs? Will toxic glow sticks be discarded and left to poison our dogs? Will the park need to remain closed until adequate cleanup is done by parks staff? How much noise such as backup beepers might the neighbors need to put up with in the middle of the night?

I haven't been able to find any information on what AEC events may use Quann park

this summer. Regardless of that, Quann dog park gets heavily used 365 days a year and should not be conscripted to other uses. If the pandemic taught us anything, it proved that we don't need large organized gatherings for people to get out and enjoy our parkland.

I ask the Park Commissioners to reject this and all other applications to use Quann dog park. Quann dog park needs to be reserved as much as possible for it's intended users who have paid for its creation and maintenance.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Sande Janagold <gertcpa@hotmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Comments on March 10, 2021 Agenda Item #14 Quann Dog Park request 64149

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Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to object to the request to close Quann Park for a 5K race on July 16, 2021.  
(Agenda Item #14 Quann Dog Park request #64149)

We often take our dogs to Quann Park. It is our favorite park due to its easy access and size.

Quann is already closed more than any other dog park due to Alliance Center events. We appreciate having access to part of the park during those events, but it is a much smaller space (7 versus 30 acres) and harder to access.

We pay for our use of the dog parks, including Quann.

There are many other places to hold run/walk events that would not involve closing a dog park.

We also do not want this to set a precedent. Dog park space in Madison is limited and precious to us and our pets. We think of these parks as "doggie heaven." Dogs are happier in these parks than almost anywhere else.

This doesn't appear to be a fundraiser and is being organized by someone out of state.

Please deny this request.

Thank you,  
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