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**From:** John Heneghan [John.Heneghan@dunwoodyga.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 14, 2013 7:02 PM  
**To:** Council Members; Brent Walker  
**Cc:** Warren Hutmacher; Michael Smith  
**Subject:** Brook Run Dog Park - request for proposal from BRDPA

Council,

Based on recent conversations with some of you in attempting to look for a win - win situation where all of the stakeholders in the community can come together to find a solution as to having and living aside an enjoyable dog park that is nestled within the shade of the trees; we are exploring various options.

I have reached out to Laine Sweezey the President of the Brook Run Dog Park Association, Inc. (BRDPA) and asked her to reach out to her board to put together a multifaceted plan for operating the dog park in the current location, whereby the BRDPA would operate the park by raising and then expending all the funds necessary to protect the tree canopy by following best practices outlined by arborists and naturalist in preserving the area. The detailed plan would address issues like soil compaction, soil conditions, erosion and water runoff into the nearby streams as well as putting into place conditions whereby sections of the park could be closed off allowing it to heal from the extended use.

BRDPA will present to the City of Dunwoody an in-depth proposal whereby they will be financially responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the facility within the fence lines and the continued long term care of the grounds. If an acceptable agreement can be found with all interested parties then I propose that there could be a lease agreement executed between the BRDPA and the City much like an agreement currently in operation between the Dunwoody Nature Center and the City.

The Dunwoody Nature Center has master gardeners in their cadre of volunteers and they could be an invaluable resource in recommending various fauna inside the shaded dog park which if planted and allowed to flourish could slow and improve the water flow. In every conversation I have had regarding the dog park, I have mentioned shade, restroom facilities and ADA compliance up to and then inside the public facility. If this dog park if allowed to stay where it is currently located, the restroom facilities and ADA compliance will eventually need to be met.

I have asked Laine to reach out to community representatives from the Friends of Brook Run Park Dunwoody (FBRPD) as well as the leaders of the Lakeview Oaks Homeowners Association (LVOHA) to make sure that they have a strong voice in the future operation of the dog park if allowed to stay at its current location.

Based on the time needed for coordination and the upcoming holiday, I look forward to seeing the BRDPA proposal which should have the unconditional support of the FBRPD and the LVOHA by Monday December 2nd.

It was explained to Ms. Sweezey that we are looking at options for a win / win situation for all involved and that this request was just a starting point for future discussions. I explained that in requesting this action plan there are no promises being made, either by me or the City. I look forward to reviewing their proposal.

Thanks,

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