

## John Heneghan

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**From:** brookrundogpark@gmail.com on behalf of Brook Run Dog Park [info@brookrundogpark.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 1:13 PM  
**To:** Denis Shortal; Douglas Thompson; Dr. Adrian Bonser; John Heneghan; Lynn Deutsch; Mayor Mike Davis; Terry Nall; Brent Walker; warren.hutmacher@dunwoodyga.gov; michael.smith@dunwoodyga.gov  
**Cc:** Alison Harris; BRDPA; Carl A. Neigoot; Craig Thrasher; John Boushell; Mary Jo Thrasher; Ken Ashhurst; Samantha Suggs  
**Subject:** BRDPA response to Request for Proposal

Dear City Council, et al:

We are delighted to learn that we are invited to work with the Dunwoody City Government to find an amicable solution to the many citizen requests to keep the Brook Run Dog Park in its current location. We sincerely appreciate this overture put forward by Dunwoody City Government to try and achieve this. We, the BRDPA, will dedicate all reasonable efforts from this point onward towards finding the right balance in a Dunwoody City/BRDPA partnership that will leave the dog park where it currently resides and meet all of the City's concerns.

As a 501(c)(3) corporation, the BRDPA was formed in order to accept tax deductible donations to purchase supplies and perform small projects in an effort to offset government expenditures. From its inception, predating the birth of the City of Dunwoody, the BRDPA has spent thousands of donated dollars towards park maintenance and expended tens of thousands of dollars in volunteer man hours towards its upkeep. By virtue of our founding charter and by-laws, the BRDPA never anticipated and is precluded from entering into contracts or lease agreements, which are government functions and fall squarely outside the BRDPA's stated purposes.

We take Councilman Heneghan at his word that "this is a starting point for future discussions" and are ready, willing, and able to meet with anyone who shares the twin goals of keeping the dog park in its current location and alleviating all concerns held by Council. As an act of mutual good faith, we respectfully request that the City amend the outstanding RFP regarding the park relocation to allow for discussion and implementation of a mutually agreeable action plan. In return the BRDPA will cease all demonstrations and media coverage as we negotiate toward this end. This despite the fact that a reporter from *The Crier* contacted us for comment on Councilman Heneghan email as early as yesterday. We initially declined based on Councilman Heneghan's request to keep this quiet at this early point in the negotiations, but given the front page article in the current edition of *The Crier*, we have provided comment as of this morning.

Finally, we view the December 2<sup>nd</sup> date as the "starting point" we have been seeking all along. From the moment of Councilman Heneghan's overture, we have been marshaling our resources, contacting our experts, and reaching out to interested parties in an effort to bring meaningful, preliminary plans to the Council and its representatives by this date. This is what we intend to do.

If this avenue is acceptable to the City Government of Dunwoody, please inform us by return email as soon as convenient.

We are grateful for your foresight and your willingness to find a mutually beneficial solution!

Sincerely,  
The Board of Directors  
Brook Run Dog Park Association, Inc.

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Laine Sweezey (& Bama, the Wonder Dog)  
President, *Brook Run Dog Park Association, Inc.*

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