

## John Heneghan

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**From:** John Heneghan [John@JKHeneghan.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 26, 2013 5:14 PM  
**To:** 'Brook Run Dog Park'; cneigoot@comcast.net; kenasshurst@gmail.com; brenstrick@gmail.com; flockridge@att.net; 'Pryor, Barbara'; 'Jay Pryor'; staceyharris70@hotmail.com; 'Heyward Wescott'  
**Cc:** 'Warren Hutmacher'; 'John Heneghan'; 'Brent Walker'; 'Mike Davis'  
**Subject:** Brook Run Dog Park meeting of Mon Dec 2nd at 4 pm at DHA Office

Laine,

In response to my communication with you in looking to find a workable solution to operate the dog park, I asked you to present to me on Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> a plan for operation that would correct or mitigate the problems with the current dog park site. I asked you to meet with the Lakeview Oaks Community and the Friends of Brook Run to discuss ways to mitigate the issues they have raised in the past. I know that you have been working on putting a plan together and that you have held meetings with both Lakeview Oaks and the Friends of Brook Run in order to find common ground.

In asking on how to present the plan, you suggested that it be done in person at a third party site and you recommended that it be done at the office of the Dunwoody Homeowners Association. You asked that representatives of Lakeview Oaks and Friends of Brook Run Park be invited. I asked for a comprehensive written plan to be presented highlighting each of the items I requested (with an electronic copy for distribution). I asked that due to the size of the room, this meeting is to be limited in scope to no more than three representatives from each party listed below. The meeting will be recorded or videotaped for a public airing to assist the City Council in considering your proposal for operating the dog park.

**The meeting will take place at 4 pm on Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5527 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd, Dunwoody, GA 30338**

The agenda for the meeting will be as follows,

- BRDPA present the plan for possible operation. (Please bring about 10 copies for distribution and review.) If electronic assistance is needed please reach out to Mr. Hayward Westcott.
- After BRDPA presentation, questions by me to BRDPA to highlight any items that I may have asked about that I do not believe were properly addressed. Responses by BRDPA.
- Questions to the FOBR as to the plan presented, is it acceptable or are there further items needed to make it workable? Response by FOBR with BRDPA rebuttal allowed.
- Same questions to LOHOA, response by LOHOA with BRDPA rebuttal allowed.
- Closing statement of FOBR - 3 min
- Closing statement of LOHOA - 3 min
- Closing statement of BRDPA - 6 min

**Invited representatives below with replacements allowed up to a total of three members of each organization. The video / audio of this meeting will be sent to council and made public with all documents presented, as soon as applicable.**

## **BRDPA**

President, Laine Sweezy: [info@brookrundogpark.com](mailto:info@brookrundogpark.com)

Director, Carl Neigoot: [cneigoot@comcast.net](mailto:cneigoot@comcast.net)

Director, Ken Ashhurst: [kenasshurst@gmail.com](mailto:kenasshurst@gmail.com)

## **Lakeview Oaks**

Current President, Brenda Strickland: [brenstrick@gmail.com](mailto:brenstrick@gmail.com)

Incoming President, Frank Lockridge: [flockridge@att.net](mailto:flockridge@att.net)

Third Rep allowed.

## **Friends of Brook Run**

President, Barbara Pryor: [barbara.pryor@harrynorman.com](mailto:barbara.pryor@harrynorman.com)

Vice President, Jay Pryor: [jpryor@uga.edu](mailto:jpryor@uga.edu)

Third Rep allowed.

## **City of Dunwoody**

City Council, John Heneghan: [John.Heneghan@Dunwoodyga.gov](mailto:John.Heneghan@Dunwoodyga.gov)

Parks Director, Brent Walker: [Brent.Walker@Dunwoodyga.gov](mailto:Brent.Walker@Dunwoodyga.gov)

## **Dunwoody Homeowners Association**

President, Stacy Harris: [staceyharris70@hotmail.com](mailto:staceyharris70@hotmail.com)

Vice President, Heyward Westcott: [hwescott@gmail.com](mailto:hwescott@gmail.com)

Third Rep allowed.

Thanks,

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From: John Heneghan [mailto:[John.Heneghan@dunwoodyga.gov](mailto: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 Sweezy 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 is 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. Sweezy 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,

John Heneghan  
Dunwoody City Council