

John Heneghan

From: John Heneghan [John@JKHeneghan.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2013 7:32 AM
To: 'Frank Lockridge'
Cc: brenstrick@gmail.com; barmento@aol.com; pappa79@aol.com; 'Dick Bush'; 'Leonard Stinson'; dianesc@bellsouth.net; 'donna hardesty'; 'Doris Williams'; 'John Heneghan'
Subject: RE: Brook Run Dog Park meeting of Mon Dec 2nd at 4 pm at DHA Office

Frank,

Thanks for the note and position paper.

I understand that you and others may have met and discussed various items with the BRDPA about the current dog park location but the meeting of the 2nd is for me (Council) to formally accept all opinions of the proposal to keep the park where it is located. It is an opportunity to have all parties in the room at the same time, to listen to the proposal by the BRDPA and then allow all participants to make direct comment. The BRDPA will be providing their proposal and informing me (Council) of how they intend to satisfy the concerns of the city as well as the neighbor's desires and your organization is invited to be present to confirm or refute points raised by BRDPA at the meeting.

You are not required to be present at this meeting but I believe it is in your best interest to do so. At the meeting of the 2nd you will be given a copy of the BRDPA proposal and besides your immediate verbal rebuttal, it affords you the opportunity to provide an updated rebuttal (position paper) prior to the December 9th City Council Meeting.

I appreciate your suggestion to meet at the dog park but this meeting was requested by the BRDP to be held at the DHA therefore with the DHA assistance, I believe we should attempt to do as requested. If at some time you would like to meet me at the park; that can be arranged separately from this meeting.

Thanks again,

John Heneghan
Dunwoody City Council

From: Frank Lockridge [mailto:flockridge@att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 8:11 PM
To: 'John Heneghan'
Cc: brenstrick@gmail.com; barmento@aol.com; pappa79@aol.com; Dick Bush; Leonard Stinson; dianesc@bellsouth.net; donna hardesty; Doris Williams
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John,

Attached is a Position Paper on the location of the Brook Run Dog Park I developed after our meeting with the BRDPA folks last night. I sent you and all the Councilpersons as well as the Mayor a copy at your city email addresses. In light of the criteria you set for consideration of the dog park relocation, Nov. 20 Dunwoody Crier, "...it should have the agreement of the neighboring homeowners association and the Friends of Brook Run Park.", it seems another meeting is repetitious and not very useful. I believe the FOBR have also met with the BRDPA people. The only people you are asking to attend the Dec 2 meeting that have not been a part of these meetings are you and Stacy Harris.

I am really surprised that our City is willing to even consider leaving the dog run in such an environmentally sensitive area especially when advised by consultants that the park would be better in another area and if left where it is, it will continue to destroy the forest, create serious erosion and runoff problems, continue its noise nuisance, and

contaminate the stream immediately down slope from it. Leaving the park where it is seems like poor stewardship of one of the City's prime assets. The property owners in my subdivision are seriously concerned about the quality of life living next to an area with constant irritating dog barking and the reduction in home value as result of circumstances placed on us by the City management.

Rather than meeting in the DHA offices, I would suggest a more appropriate place might be the Dog Park where you can see and hear the damage.

If you would still like a meeting, we (LOHA) will be pleased to reiterate our feelings that we strongly desire the off-leash facility be moved or closed.

Respectfully,

Frank Lockridge

From: John Heneghan [<mailto: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 2nd 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 2nd 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

Director, Carl Neigoot: cneigoot@comcast.net

Director, Ken Ashhurst: kenasshurst@gmail.com

Lakeview Oaks

Current President, Brenda Strickland: brenstrick@gmail.com

Incoming President, Frank Lockridge: flockridge@att.net

Third Rep allowed.

Friends of Brook Run

President, Barbara Pryor: barbara.pryor@harrynorman.com

Vice President, Jay Pryor: jpryor@uga.edu

Third Rep allowed.

City of Dunwoody

City Council, John Heneghan: John.Heneghan@Dunwoodyga.gov

Parks Director, Brent Walker: Brent.Walker@Dunwoodyga.gov

Dunwoody Homeowners Association

President, Stacy Harris: staceyharris70@hotmail.com

Vice President, Heyward Westcott: hwescott@gmail.com

Third Rep allowed.

Thanks,

John Heneghan

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-----Original Message-----

From: John Heneghan [<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 Swezey 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. Swezey 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



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