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Dear Council,

I have read and reviewed the proposed dog park location and details provided by the city.

I must say, I am against this location proposal. I live in the very back row of the Hopper Creek condos, and the thought of having a dog park literally only 100 feet away from my front door is very unappealing to me as a permanent resident and homeowner.

I'm concerned about the noise nuisance of dogs barking all day long, the personal responsibility of pet owners to clean up and manage their animals behavior and the proximity to the back gate of our private condos, which non-residents already take advantage of.

My fear is that people who may have limited accessibility or those who don't feel like an extended walk on the path will try to start using our HOA private parking lot as a sneaky dog park parking by entering/exciting the condos and going through the HOA back gate (which is located adjacent to the proposed area). Parking is already an issue for us full time residents, so we do not need this additional headache of non-residents abusing the lot we own.

I am a small dog owner myself, although I do not visit dog parks because of past incidents with unruly patrons bad behavior, but I do understand the want/need for a place in town for others to bring their companions if they so choose. This does not feel like the right location.

Most dog parks are located on the outskirts of towns to avoid disturbances, not in the middle of quiet residential neighborhoods.

I do not agree that installing a dog park directly next door to private dwellings and across a small creek from peoples homes. I fear that it will create discomfort and tension for all who surround the space, including those of us who love dogs.

Respectfully,
E. Fontaine

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