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**OAKMONT DOG PARK
WORKSHOP**

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Keys to a Successful Dog Park

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- o Collaboration with Surrounding Community
- o Active Participation from Local Dog Club
- o Proper Ongoing Maintenance

Dog Park Concerns

Previously Identified

- o Loss of “*Designated*” Open Space
- o Visually Unattractive
- o Home Values Negative Impact
- o Increased Traffic & Parking
- o Noise
- o Insurance Cost
- o Health & Environment

Focus This Discussion

- o Applicable to 3 new sites?
- o Realistic – What are the facts?
- o How can we mitigate or resolve the concern?

Potential Dog Park Sites

- o Option 1 – OGC East Course 4th Tee
- o Option 2 – Central Activities Center
- o Option 3 – Stone Bridge Rd.
(SW of Community Gardens)

Option One – East 4th Tee



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Option Two - CAC



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Option Three – Stone Bridge SW



Option 1 – OGC East 4th Tee

- **SITE DESCRIPTION:** Slight Rolling Slope, ~0.60 Acre, Grass Surface,
- **PROS:** Parking (~50), Irrigation, Scenic, Grass Surface, Increased Quail Inn Patronage
- **CONS:** Property Cost, Visually Obstructive Golf Ball Netting, OGC May Not Sell/Lease, ADA Parking, Events May Limit Parking
- **PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE:** ~\$295,00M0

Option 2 – CAC

- o **SITE DESCRIPTION:** Existing Sport Courts, ~0.62 Acre, Concrete/Gravel/Dirt,
- o **PROS:** Central Location, Berger Parking, ADA Access, Easy access for Oakmont Gardens Dogs
- o **CONS:** Reduced Future CAC Development Options, Demo Sport Courts, Relocate Petanque Court, Most Outside Distractions for Dogs, Events May Limit Parking
- o **PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE:** ~\$213,000

Option 3 – Stone Bridge Rd. SW

- o **SITE DESCRIPTION:** Gentle Slope, ~0.62 Acre, Dirt/Rocks,
- o **PROS:** Unused OVA Common Area, Street Parking (~80), Water Supply, Scenic, Most Isolated & Least Distractions for Dogs, Existing runoff reduced
- o **CONS:** Site Preparation, Rain Water Diversion, ADA Parking, Proximity to Community Gardens & Neighbors
- o **PRELIMINARY COST ESTIMATE:** ~\$283,000

Health and Environment

Animal Urine & Feces

o Feces

Undigested food

Largely organic matter

Lots of micro-organisms

Generally not pathogenic

Health and Environment

Animal Urine & Feces

o Urine

- Few micro-organisms, no more than on your skin or in your garden soil
- Contains ~ 50% Urea which is:
 - Primary nitrogen source in fertilizers
 - FDA approved for fermentation
- Synthetic urea used in chewing gum & ice cream

Health and Environment

Animal Urine & Feces

- o All domestic and wild animals urinate (urine) and defecate (feces). Where there is one there is the other
- o Throughout Oakmont, dogs, cats, deer, turkeys, skunks, raccoons, foxes and others urinate and defecate in home owners yards, common areas, on sidewalks, and on streets.
- o Dog owners pick up
- o Applies in varying degrees to all sites

Health and Environment

Feces & Urine Residue

- o Small amounts of remaining residue breaks down naturally
- o With rain or irrigation water residue mixes with the soil
- o Over a short period of time it becomes “one with the soil”
- o Micro-organisms die off

Health and Environment

Surface Water Runoff

- o Only occurs when soil becomes saturated, typically during heavy rain
- o Direction of flow - towards street gutters, gullies, and drainages where it enters nearby creeks either directly or via storm drains.

Health and Environment

Issue For a Dog Park?

- o For several reasons, dog urine and feces **are not a problem in a dog park**
- o Almost all dog owners always pick up after their dogs.
- o If dogs were not going in a dog park, they would be going elsewhere with same result
- o Dog Park rules would emphasize “No sick dogs”
- o **All surface water runoff ends up in the creeks**

Health and Environment

Other Animals

- o Few cat owners pick up after their outdoor cats
- o No one picks up after the deer, turkeys, skunks, raccoons, foxes and sheep
- o Not just an Oakmont thing
- o Same applies to all of suburban Santa Rosa
- o Also applies to all suburban areas of America

Health and Environment

Good News

With a dog park, defecation is much more controlled by:

- o Diligent dog owners
- o Availability of poop bags
- o Disposal receptacles
- o Canine Club volunteers will monitor

What's Next?

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