



September 20, 2023

Dear William Crawford Jr., President
Corryville Community Council

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At a recent Park Board meeting, a Corryville resident attended to speak on the topic of the Burnet Woods Dog Park. As part of his comments, he indicated the Corryville Council had not received a written response to letters to the Park Board on the subject. On behalf of the Board of Park Commissioners and staff, we apologize for the delay in providing a written response. You may recall, I had the pleasure of attending your September 13, 2022, community council meeting in person to discuss the project and answer questions.

We are reaching out to let you know we received, and appreciate, your letter in support of a dog park in Uptown, opposing the location of a dog park in Burnet Woods, and expressing neutrality on other locations. We are grateful for the feedback and concerns expressed by the Corryville Community Council, which are of value, are being considered, and are helping to make the project better.

As you are aware, the dog park proposal has been a hot topic with strong feelings from many residents for, against, and neutral to the development of a dog park serving Uptown. Over the last 3-plus years, the Park Board and staff are grateful to have received a significant amount of feedback through meetings, written comments, and conversations about all aspects of the project. The amount of interest and feedback shows how much people care about their community.


After careful consideration and analysis of staff reports, the established selection criteria, community surveys, and feedback from area community councils, neighborhood organizations, and community residents, the Board of Park Commissioners determined that the best location for a dog park in Uptown was in the northeast section of Burnet Woods along Brookline Drive. While, unfortunately, everyone will not agree on the decision to add a dog park at this location, we are committed to listening to all of the input and developing the best possible final product, adding an exciting new amenity for area residents and visitors to come together and enjoy.

Attached to this letter is a project summary and FAQ, which is also available online, addressing in detail the many issues and concerns raised throughout the process and explaining how the community conversation has developed over the last several years.

At this time, we are developing the final design of the dog park. During the design process, we are taking into account the feedback and ideas that we have received, and we are confident it will result in a better project. We continue to welcome any additional feedback from Corryville and the community at large. Once the next iteration of the design is complete, we will share the design and seek further public input.

Our goal is to make the best possible dog park serving the entire community. I am always happy to meet and discuss this project or any other Parks issues.

Sincerely,



Jason Barron
Director