



## Special meeting of the Spokane Park Board Minutes

10:00 a.m. Monday, Oct. 24, 2022

In-person in Council Chambers, City Hall, and  
WebEx virtual meeting  
Call in: 408-418-9388  
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### Park Board members

X Jennifer Ogden – President  
X Bob Anderson – Vice President  
X Garrett Jones – Secretary  
X Nick Sumner  
X Greta Gilman  
X Sally Lodato - arrived 10:11  
X Gerry Sperling  
Barb Richey – Absent/Excused  
X Hannah Kitz – arrived 10:08  
X Kevin Brownlee  
X Christina VerHeul  
Jonathan Bingle – City Council liaison –  
Absent

### Parks staff

Jason Conley  
Fianna Dickson  
Nick Hamad  
Al Vorderbrueggen  
Jennifer Papich  
Jonathan Moog  
Kara Odegard  
Angel Spell  
Sarah Deatrich  
Kris Behr

### Guests

Kristen Angell  
Carol Tomsic  
Karen Mobley  
Sara Devins  
Charles Gurche  
Amy Dawley  
Erica Eizenga  
Jacob Eizenga  
Chad Mitchell  
David DeLong  
Terri Jones  
Sheila Evans  
Judith Gammon  
Nancy Schaub  
Cynthia Schroeder  
Alexandra Montague  
Mary Lou Johnson (call-in)

## MINUTES

(Click [HERE](#) to view a video recording of the meeting.)

1. **Roll call** – Jennifer Ogden
  - A. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. See above for attendance.
2. **Special discussion/Action item**
  - A. [2023 Parks Fund and Golf Fund budget](#) – Garrett Jones
    - 1) Garrett Jones presented the proposed 2023 budget, prepared with consideration of the uncertain economic climate.
      - a. Summarizing the 2022 1400 Fund began with a balance of \$3,619,550. The projected revenues exceeded the projected expenditures by \$789,489. There was a \$1.3M one-time investment transfer to Fund 1950 leaving a projected ending balance of \$3,109,039.
      - b. In 2023, the anticipated expenditures exceed revenues by \$164,818, however, with revenue stabilization and cash reserves, there will be an anticipated beginning fund balance of \$750,000 with comfortable cash reserves above this amount at \$578,760. Analysis of the Risk Fund determined underfunding over the last 5 years with a solution to spread out the underfunded amount over a three-

year period.

- c. The Golf fund budget is reflecting the anticipation of four new 10-month full-time positions as well as an increase in revenue due to fee adjustments. Factoring the increased cost of services and charges as well as personnel, Golf is recommending a \$395,901 increase over 2022.

*Hannah Kitz joined – 10:08 a.m.*

*Sally Lodato joined – 10:11 a.m.*

**Motion #1:** Jennifer Ogden moved to approve the 2023 Parks Fund and Golf Fund budget as presented.

Bob Anderson seconded.

The motion passed with unanimous consent (9-0 vote).

### 3. Public comment/Correspondence

- A. Regarding resolution selecting Lincoln Park as the location for an official south hill dog park:
  - 1) Kirsten Angell – Parks Liaison, Downriver Neighborhood Council
    - a. Kirsten noted that input from the Parks Master Plan indicated 79% of respondents preferred preserving natural areas and sensitive habitat. She felt this is a conflict with dog park guidelines which indicated a preference for natural lands. As all three proposed sites are sensitive and natural areas, Kirsten spoke of her concern of the irreversible impact on the flowers, plants, and animals in the area. She would like the process to stop and begin again with reviews of sites made of turf and suggests the fenced greens around the lower Freya water tower.
  - 2) Carol Tomsic – Chair, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council
    - a. Carol's concern is that the neighborhood council did not receive the feedback from the workshop; therefore, the residents were not informed and did not have time to comment. As such, Carol asked that the resolution be deferred.
  - 3) Karen Mobley – Urban hiker, bird watcher, regular park user
    - a. Karen participates in birding activities, particularly at Lincoln Park which is closest to her residence. She feels the process was flawed, as dog owners were asked where they want a park, but users of the natural areas were not asked whether they want a dog park. She asks that a dog park be placed in a grassy area where ecology will not be disrupted.
  - 4) Kara Odegard – City Council Manager of Sustainability Initiatives, on behalf of the Sustainability Action Subcommittee, Natural environment Workgroup
    - a. In addition to concerns previously voiced, Kara stressed the importance of Lincoln Park's ecological area, and that the placement of a dog park would conflict with the City's Sustainability Action Plan, Natural Environment section, Priority Action 8.2, "Prioritize evaluating biodiversity within City Natural Areas so that the risk species and habitats are protected through focused management actions". The group asks that natural areas be removed from the potential dog park site list. They also ask that the 'desired characteristics' list include "protects natural areas that support native biodiversity from being negatively impacted", and they recommend site ecological evaluation be added to the process. Kara offered the help and support of the Sustainability Action Subcommittee, Natural Environment Working Group in modifying the process and selecting another site.
  - 5) Sara Devins – Lincoln Park neighborhood resident
    - a. Sara expressed her understanding of the need for a dog park to meet the needs

- of dogs and dog owners. She cited the fragile and irreplaceable ecosystems and people's shared connection to nature and feels that dogs don't need a special area to run and play and meet other dogs and people. Sara asked that we take more time to measure what is important to the community.
- 6) Charles Gurche – Spokane resident
    - a. Charles feels Lincoln Park, as one of Spokane's natural areas, makes Spokane a beautiful and memorable city. He mentioned the natural pond, and all the different flora and fauna and asked the Board to consider a dog park location other than the pristine and natural Lincoln Park.
  - 7) Amy Dawley – Neighbor of Lincoln Park, plant biologist, restoration ecologist, member of Sustainability Action Subcommittee, Natural environment Workgroup, dog owner
    - a. Amy's concern that dog park activities would degrade and could lead to permanent loss of native plants. She feels that diversity rich, native plant communities should be protected, and that ecological evaluations and considerations should be part of the dog park site selection process. Amy presented photos of the rare flora and fauna found in Lincoln Park.
  - 8) Erica Eizenga – Spokane resident
    - a. Erica does not live in the Lincoln Park neighborhood but frequently visits the park to walk in the nature. She opposes creating a dog park in Lincoln Park because of the impact it would have on the natural area. Erica strongly feels that we should conserve, not develop our natural areas.
  - 9) Jacob Eizenga – Spokane resident
    - a. Jacob strongly opposes the development of a dog park in Upper Lincoln Park and urged the Board to ask the Parks Department to submit more site proposals which include turf grass areas in developed parks. In Lincoln Park, Jacob has observed plant varieties which typically do not occur in the Spokane area. He is concerned that construction equipment would bring in noxious weed seeds.
  - 10) Chad Mitchell – Spokane resident, member of volunteer group, "South Hill Dog Park Board"
    - a. Chad stated that his group believes Lincoln Park to be the best choice given based on its size. He feels it is not an ideal solution would be amenable only after appropriate planning, and assurance that a dog park could successfully be integrated into the natural area.
  - 11) David DeLong - Spokane resident, daily dog park user
    - a. David feels that the replacement of the unofficial South Hill dog park is important for human socialization and fitness as well as for dogs. He feels Lincoln Park may not be the best solution for all of the previously stated reasons. David supports the City's effort in locating a site and stated he feels the natural area is an important feature of a dog park.
  - 12) Terri Jones – Neighbor of Lincoln Park
    - a. Terri agrees with most of the previous comments. She added that in addition to the loss of critical habitat for the plants, the animal population in the park would be negatively affected by removing trees and fencing the area. Terri stated the park is heavily used by people with and without dogs, and it does not appear to be useful to cause destruction at Lincoln Park as there are other, grassy areas which would not be harmed.
  - 13) Sheila Evans – Artist, birder, resident of Perry District
    - a. Sheila regularly walks to Lincoln Park because of the great diversity of birds, wildflowers, and wildlife. She feels the natural balance of the natural area would be negatively impacted by developing a dog park there.
  - 14) Judith Gammon – Neighbor of Lincoln Park
    - a. Judith enjoys the wildflowers in Lincoln Park in March. She listed several plants

and wildlife she has observed and photographed. Judith feels Upper Lincoln Park is an urban treasure which needs to be preserved.

- 15) Nancy Shaub – Spokane resident, dog owner
  - a. Nancy uses the dog park several times per week, however, she does not feel dogs need a beautiful, natural area to run. She urges the Board to re-start the process to find a flat, wide-open space for dogs and people to play.
- 16) Cynthia Schroeder – Spokane resident
  - a. Cynthia agreed with previous comments. She added the birds and flowers would be lost if a portion of Lincoln Park is made into a dog park. She encouraged the Board to reinvoke the community in a decision-making process for a dog park location.
- 17) Alexandra Montague – Underhill Park neighbor
  - a. Alexandra does not feel beauty should destroyed for a dog park. She states there are ample grassy places for dogs to run.
- 18) Mary Lou Johnson – Spokane resident
  - a. Mary Lou feels there was inconsistency between the Master Plan indicating a need to preserve natural area and the dog park guidelines which propose a natural area for a dog park site. She feels all potential areas should have been considered, not only natural areas. Mary Lou also feels using Lincoln Park is inconsistent with water conservation efforts and the timeframe is being used to push a decision which many do not support.

B. [\*\*Resolution selecting Lincoln Park as the location for an official south hill dog park / Lincoln Park \(no cost\)\*\*](#) – Nick Hamad

1. Nick Hamad presented the proposed official south hill dog park site selection resolution and the relevant background information and process by which Lincoln Park was selected for recommendation to include the dog park.
  - a. Nick provided the schedule of events leading to the current site selection recommendation which dated back to November of 2019 and noted park staff has been actively working to identify a site since February of 2022. Nick provided background on the park master plan priorities related to both dog parks and land conservation and outlined the desired criteria for a regional/community dog park facility location. The preferred official south hill dog park would include an area of 7 or more acres with a natural feel on a walkable site which has off-street parking is fully fenced, has utilities (water and power) nearby, is buffered from nearby residences, and which can be constructed with limited impact on critical habitats (wetlands & shorelines).
  - b. Nick described how the preferred dog park characteristics were established through extensive literature review of other municipalities and including feedback from a local project advisory committee and local public survey. He described how those criteria were used to numerically evaluate every property owned by the City of Spokane (not just park lands). After excluding properties deemed incompatible with dog park placement criteria, it was determined that 16 potential properties are available which meet the criteria to accommodate an official south hill dog park within Spokane's District 2. The top 3 sites identified through the analysis include Underhill Park, Lincoln Park, and Hazel's Creek Stormwater Facility. Nick provided brief descriptions of the dog park concepts generated for each of the top 3 potential dog park locations and provided a summary of the public feedback gathered at the 4 open houses held to collect public input on the top 3 locations. Through public open houses, it was determined that the public does not support dog parks at either Underhill Park or Hazel's Creek but moderately supports a dog park at Lincoln Park. It was also noted that 27% of the public felt none of the top 3

- potential dog park locations were suitable for a dog park. As a result of the technical analysis and public feedback, staff recommended Lincoln Park as the location for the official south hill dog park.
- c. Nick then presented information on the need for balance between systemwide land conservation and development, noting that while there has been a 12.5% increase in park natural lands acquired since 2017, there has been no increase in dog park service, hence the need for additional dog parks. Nick overviewed the potential impacts of a dog park at Lincoln Park, indicating that the development of a dog park in Lincoln Park would reduce the area of park natural lands within the park itself by approximately 16%, within district 2 by approximately 1%, and across the park system by approximately 0.5%, while improving dog park service by adding one regional dog park facility. As there was potential impact on natural lands, Nick provided background on park natural lands, noting that District 2 holds 49% of all-natural land within the Spokane Parks system, and roughly 10 times the natural land of both Districts 1 and 3 combined. Nick also provided background on District 2 alternative dog park sites which were not studied in detail (sites ranked #4-#7 in the district), all of which are located within developed parks and all of which are 2.5 acres or less. These other alternatives are significantly smaller in size and do not meet the size required to be considered a regional/community dog park facility.
  - d. It was noted that the resolution, if approved, would select Lincoln Park as the official south hill dog park location and commit to the improvement of parking facilities, access roadway, fencing, signage, surface improvements on trails and exercise areas, potable water, and a picnic area. If the resolution were to be approved, detailed plans would be developed and presented to the park board prior to construction. If the resolution were to be rejected, staff would explore other opportunities at smaller sites within district 2 and possibly explore larger sites identified within other city council districts as identified in the citywide dog park study.
2. Jennifer Ogden commended Nick on his hard work and professionalism.
  3. Bob Anderson asked whether there is a plan to remove trees with concern for the bird population. Nick answered trees may be removed only as required to create parking space; however, they would actively work to preserve the trees that are there. All trees within the dog park itself are to remain and be protected.
  4. Gerry Sperling expressed concern that more properties were not considered. She also asked whether the school district was opposed to another section or district. Nick stated Spokane Public Schools' concern is that there was a promise to provide an official South Hill dog park; therefore, under our partnership them, the school district would not likely be interested in funding a project in another district.
  5. Nick Sumner offered his opinion that finding a site will always have opposition. He feels through our due diligence, Lincoln Park has been shown to be preferred of the choices. He feels we will be successful in building a dog park, causing minimal impact to the environment through the process. He would support the process with consideration of the public input as we move forward with design.
  6. Greta Gilman noted that through the voting process, there was no choice for "none of these locations" or "alternate site" or similar response. Nick responded the voters were asked to submit a comment card if they felt no site was appropriate, to which Greta replied the comments were overwhelmingly against one or more of the sites. Greta feels the graphs are misleading for this reason. She also feels as the unofficial South Hill dog park was not within City limits and was not City Parks property, and as the unofficial dog park users want the official dog park in proximity, perhaps the City should try to partner with the County and find a location that does not disrupt existing

**City Parks.**

7. Hannah Kitz asked that as we are limited by our agreement with Spokane Public Schools to provide funds for the development of the dog park, if the motion is denied, we advise the school board of all the public feedback that encourages them to consider providing funds for another location, whether it is near the South Hill or not.
8. Kevin Brownlee believes Lincoln Park currently has a large loose-dog issue. He is concerned for the environment there currently and feels that having a contained dog park may help mitigate broader damage.
9. Christina VerHeul requested clarification whether the new Riverfront Park dog park will be part of District 2, to which Nick responded that it is a part of District 2, though it primarily serves downtown Spokane.
10. Bob Anderson relayed that an evaluation of all City property, not only Parks property, revealed a limited number of properties the desired size of 7+ acres. After touring the selected locations, he feels Lincoln Park is the best option. He commented that dog parks are also a way for people to exercise and socialize. Considering the cost and the 2023 Parks budget, purchasing property is currently not an option.
11. Sally Lodato is not in favor of replacing existing park land though she is in favor of developing a regional dog park. She questioned whether the land must be 7 acres or if a smaller area may be considered and feels further evaluation and consideration of additional sites is necessary.
12. Nick noted the option of using a lower ranked site though most are between one and two acres. He also communicated the option of supporting a smaller Lincoln Park dog park.
13. Jennifer Ogden is not in favor of a dog park in Lincoln Park. She feels that Lincoln Park should be a protected natural area and wildlife sanctuary. Jennifer would like to see a future Park Board action item to designate Lincoln Park a protected area. She expressed appreciation to the Spokane Public Schools for their willingness to assist with development of a regional dog park and suggested several smaller neighborhood parks may be an option for replacement of the unofficial South Hill dog park.
14. Gerry Sperling stated her disagreement with the limitation to District 2 and hopes to see the restriction lifted to provide more options. She also shared her concern of the cost of maintenance after a park is built.

**Motion #2:** Jennifer Ogden moved to approve the resolution selecting Lincoln Park as the location for an official south hill dog park / Lincoln Park (no cost)

Bob Anderson seconded.

The motion was rejected by a vote of 6-3.

4. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes approved by: Garrett Jones

Garrett Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation

# Spokane Park Board

## Briefing Paper



<b>Committee</b>	Park Board--Special Board Meeting						
<b>Committee meeting date</b>	October 24, 2022						
<b>Requester</b>	Jason Conley <b>Phone number:</b> 625-6211						
<b>Type of agenda item</b>	<input type="radio"/> Consent	<input type="radio"/> Discussion	<input type="radio"/> Information	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Action			
<b>Type of contract/agreement</b>	<input type="radio"/> New	<input type="radio"/> Renewal/ext.	<input type="radio"/> Lease	<input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order			
<b>City Clerks file (OPR or policy #)</b>							
<b>Item title:</b> (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	2023 Parks Fund and Golf Fund Budget						
<b>Begin/end dates</b>	Begins: 01/01/2023	Ends: 12/31/2023	<input type="checkbox"/> Open ended				
<b>Background/history:</b> Each year, Parks and Recreation submits the Division's proposed annual budget to City Council for adoption. The proposed budget, passed by the Park Board, will be transmitted to City Council the beginning of November.							
<b>Motion wording:</b> To approve the 2023 Park Fund and Golf Fund budgets, as presented.							
<b>Approvals/signatures outside Parks:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If so, who/what department, agency or company: Name: City Council Email address: Phone:							
<b>Distribution:</b> Parks – Accounting Parks – Sarah Deatrich Requester: Jason Conley Grant Management Department/Name:							
<b>Fiscal impact:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Expenditure <input type="radio"/> Revenue Amount: Budget code:							
<b>Vendor:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input type="radio"/> New vendor <b>Supporting documents:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB) <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor is on the City's A&E Roster - City of Spokane <input type="checkbox"/> UBI: Business license expiration date: <table style="float: right;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> W-9 (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> ACH Forms (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate (min. \$1 million in General Liability)</td> </tr> </table>					<input type="checkbox"/> W-9 (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACH Forms (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate (min. \$1 million in General Liability)
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# Crosswalk from 2022 Adopted Budget to 2023 Recommended Budget

## Fund 1400

**2022 Adopted Revenues**      \$ **23,967,354**

### Adjustments to Revenue

2022 Increase in GF Transfer	\$ 156,310
Increase in Wastewater Transfer	\$ 13,771
Riverfront Park Revenue Adjustment	66,654
Recreation Revenue Adjustment	\$ 105,134

**2023 Recommended Revenues**      \$ **24,309,223**

<b>2022 Adopted Expenditures</b>	\$	<b>Amount</b>	<b>FTEs</b>
		<b>23,659,790</b>	<b>102.16</b>
Salary Adjustments (Auto)		1,251,397	
Benefit Adjustments (Auto)		(272,690)	
Centennial Trail Maintenance		20,000	
Vehicle Lease		165,000	
Net Recreation Operating Changes		47,840	
Net Park Ops Operating Changes		(208,200)	
Net Change in RFP Operating		137,098	
COLA Reserve		(230,000)	
Capital Reserve		(250,000)	
Interfund Transfers		153,806	
<b>2023 Recommended Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,474,041</b>	<b>102.16</b>
<b>Final Net Budget Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(164,818)</b>	

**City of Spokane - Parks & Recreation**  
**Fund 1400 - Natural Resources**  
**2023 Initial Budget**

	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 Thru September	2023 Recommended Budget
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
General Fund Transfer	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000
Program Revenue	190,754	91,000	91,740	91,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>256,754</b>	<b>157,000</b>	<b>157,740</b>	<b>157,000</b>
<b><u>Expenditure Categories:</u></b>				
Salaries & Wages	483,847	566,591	436,380	666,245
Personnel Benefits	165,176	204,417	151,045	198,808
Supplies	23,603	30,550	19,401	35,600
Svcs. & Charges	195,066	216,799	156,886	217,384
Interfund Services	787	25,339	1,022	23,000
Operating Transfers				
Capital Outlay				
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>868,478</b>	<b>1,043,696</b>	<b>764,734</b>	<b>1,141,037</b>
Net Revenues minus Expenditures	(611,724)	(886,696)	(606,994)	(984,037)

**City of Spokane - Parks & Recreation**  
**Fund 1400 - Park Operations**  
**2023 Initial Budget**

	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 Thru September	2023 Recommended Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	205,596	200,430	103,467	200,430
<b><u>Expenditure Categories:</u></b>				
Salaries & Wages	2,202,072	2,867,029	1,859,520	3,127,092
Personnel Benefits	749,462	901,543	589,018	813,050
Supplies	223,586	179,500	171,076	190,800
Svcs. & Charges	1,299,484	1,165,506	804,070	1,176,006
Interfund Services	3,033		37	
Operating Transfers	-	230,000		
Capital Outlay	-			
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>4,477,637</b>	<b>5,343,578</b>	<b>3,423,721</b>	<b>5,306,948</b>
Net Revenues minus Expenditures	(4,272,041)	(5,143,148)	(3,320,254)	(5,106,518)

**City of Spokane - Parks & Recreation**  
**Fund 1400 - Riverfront Park**  
**2023 Initial Budget**

	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 Thru September	2023 Recommended Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	2,325,879	3,699,700	2,350,642	3,766,354
<b><u>Expenditure Categories:</u></b>				
Salaries & Wages	1,646,984	2,235,817	1,371,377	2,627,590
Personnel Benefits	472,397	696,762	397,527	611,330
Supplies	312,335	449,250	254,555	446,000
Svcs. & Charges	808,789	903,175	614,245	1,043,526
Interfund Services	185	20,000		20,000
Operating Transfers	237,029	237,030	118,746	237,027
Capital Outlay				
Reserve for Budget Adjustment				
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,477,719</b>	<b>4,542,034</b>	<b>2,756,450</b>	<b>4,985,473</b>
Net Revenues minus Expenditures	(1,151,841)	(842,334)	(405,808)	(1,219,119)

**City of Spokane - Parks & Recreation**  
**Fund 1400 - Recreation**  
**2023 Initial Budget**

	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 Thru September	2023 Recommended Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	1,134,208	1,444,366	1,256,453	1,549,500
<b><u>Expenditure Categories:</u></b>				
Salaries & Wages	1,561,689	1,691,181	1,606,160	1,912,817
Personnel Benefits	361,426	395,235	319,832	315,006
Supplies	208,985	268,260	263,739	296,350
Svcs. & Charges	1,405,326	1,251,987	1,033,359	1,271,737
Interfund Services	25,029	16,950	21,740	16,950
Operating Transfers				
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3,562,456</b>	<b>3,623,613</b>	<b>3,244,830</b>	<b>3,812,860</b>
Net Revenues minus Expenditures	(2,428,248)	(2,179,247)	(1,988,377)	(2,263,360)

**City of Spokane - Parks & Recreation**  
**Fund 1400 - Administration**  
**2023 Initial Budget**

	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 Thru September	2023 Recommended Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	17,632,131	17,455,858	12,899,872	17,625,939
<b><u>Expenditure Categories:</u></b>				
Salaries & Wages	2,096,206	2,345,770	1,578,951	2,607,181
Personnel Benefits	700,980	837,893	552,676	827,118
Supplies	93,597	170,800	144,497	168,800
Svcs. & Charges	619,953	693,542	523,338	880,859
Interfund Services	2,534,464	2,623,827	1,965,527	2,779,972
Operating Transfers	53,794	53,793	1,276,950	803,795
Reserve for Budget Adj.		380,000		150,000
Capital Outlay	1,792,860	1,000,000		Included in Transfer
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>7,891,854</b>	<b>8,105,625</b>	<b>6,041,939</b>	<b>8,217,725</b>
Net Revenues minus Expenditures	9,740,277	9,350,233	6,857,933	9,408,214

**City of Spokane - Parks & Recreation**  
**Fund 1400 -- Parks Fund**  
**2023 Initial Budget**

	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 Thru September	2023 Recommended Budget
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>				
General Fund Transfer	15,958,647	16,907,513	12,373,269	17,063,823
Wastewater Utility Transfer	461,463	474,845	474,845	488,616
All Other Program Revenue	4,914,458	5,584,996	3,964,053	5,746,784
Grant Revenues	226,678	1,000,000		1,010,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>21,561,246</b>	<b>23,967,354</b>	<b>16,812,167</b>	<b>24,309,223</b>
<b><u>Expenditure Categories:</u></b>				
Salaries & Wages	7,990,797	9,689,527	6,872,933	10,940,924
Personnel Benefits	2,449,441	3,043,955	2,011,520	2,765,311
Supplies	862,107	1,098,360	901,633	1,137,550
Svcs. & Charges	4,328,618	4,241,009	3,163,904	4,599,512
Interfund Services	2,563,499	2,686,116	1,988,325	2,839,922
Operating Transfers	290,823	520,823	1,395,696	1,040,822
Reserve for Budget Adj.		380,000		150,000
Capital Outlay	1,839,096	1,000,000	239,169	
Grant Expenditures		1,000,000		1,000,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>20,324,380</b>	<b>23,659,790</b>	<b>16,573,180</b>	<b>24,474,041</b>
Net Revenues minus Expenditures	1,236,866	307,564	238,987	(164,818)

**City of Spokane - Parks & Recreation**  
**Fund 4600 - Golf Fund w/o Debt Service**  
**2023 Initial Budget**

	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 Thru September	2023 Recommended Budget
<b>Revenues</b>	4,317,883	3,905,000	4,241,961	4,300,901
<b>Expenditure Categories:</b>				
Salaries & Wages	1,271,116	1,421,077	1,028,228	1,582,848
Personnel Benefits	394,656	358,806	331,570	319,431
Supplies	323,246	345,020	346,313	410,750
Svcs. & Charges	1,338,500	1,012,176	710,493	1,053,068
Interfund Services	262,120	265,787	197,248	291,899
Operating Transfers	53,760	80,000	26,950	
Reserve for Budget Adj.		-		186,990
Debt Service		-	-	
Capital Outlay	-	420,000	255,302	420,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	3,643,398	3,902,866	2,896,104	4,264,986
<b>Net Revenues minus Expenditures</b>	674,485	2,134	1,345,857	35,915

**City of Spokane - Parks & Recreation**  
**Fund 4600 - Golf fund - Debt Service Only**  
**2023 Initial Budget**

	2021 Actual	2022 Adopted Budget	2022 Thru September	Recommended Budget	2023
<b>Revenues</b>	811,272	623,917	730,053	623,917	
<b><u>Expenditure Categories:</u></b>					
Salaries & Wages	-	-	-	-	
Personnel Benefits	-	-	-	-	
Supplies	-	-	-	-	
Svcs. & Charges	-	-	-	-	
Interfund Services	-	-	-	-	
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	
Reserve for Budget Adj.	-	-	-	-	
Debt Service	81,867	535,207	267,918	618,137	
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>81,867</b>	<b>535,207</b>	<b>267,918</b>	<b>618,137</b>	
Net Revenues minus Expenditures	729,405	88,710	462,135	5,780	

# 2023 Proposed Budget



Customer service focused | Solution-driven outcomes  
Collaboration centered to achieve greater community benefit



# 2023 Budget Assumptions

Spokane Parks & Recreation stewards nearly 120 properties across 4,000 acres, including manicured parks, natural lands, aquatic centers, golf courses, sports complexes, and an arboretum.

## Roadmap to creating successful focused outcomes

Objectives include:

- providing a parks and recreation system advocating healthy lifestyles, accessibility, community, and the value of play
- developing and managing the responsible, efficient, and equitable use of resources leading to the sustainability of a strong and viable system
- stimulating the local economy through the provision of venues, events and activities; well maintained and managed greenspaces that enhance property values; and the creation of employment opportunities
- demonstrating accountability and a collaborative culture though stakeholder engagement and transparency

- Approximate General Fund growth of <1% (\$150K)
- Salaries/wages, benefits, services and charges will increase approx. (5%)
- Review fund balance for one-time investments and gap funding
- Continue the core service budgeting model
- Continued investments in capital improvements that add efficiencies, access, and value across our community
- Continued investments in partnerships and collaborations with local businesses, organizations, volunteers, sponsors, and donors



# 2023 Budget: 2022-2023 Crosswalk



Fund 1400		
2022 Adopted Revenues	\$	23,967,354
<u>Adjustments to Revenue</u>		
2022 Increase in GF Transfer	\$	156,310
Increase in Wastewater Transfer	\$	13,771
Riverfront Park Revenue Adjustment		66,654
Recreation Revenue Adjustment	\$	105,134
2023 Recommended Revenues	\$	24,309,223
		Amount                          FTEs
2022 Adopted Expenditures	\$	23,659,790                          102.16
Salary Adjustments (Auto)		1,251,397
Benefit Adjustments (Auto)		(272,690)
Centennial Trail Maintenance		20,000
Vehicle Lease		165,000
Net Recreation Operating Changes		47,840
Net Park Ops Operating Changes		(208,200)
Net Change in RFP Operating		137,098
COLA Reserve		(230,000)
Capital Reserve		(250,000)
Interfund Transfers		153,806
2023 Recommended Expenditures	\$	24,474,041                          102.16
Final Net Budget Balance	\$	(164,818)



# 2023 Budget: Risk Fund



- Parks initially saw an increase in our Risk Fund of 128% an increase over \$750,000
- Parks requested the list of claims within the 5-year window to begin the analysis
- Overall, we learned the Risk Fund has been underfunded historically within the last five years
- The agreed solution was to identify the underfunded amount and spread over a 3-year period rather than 1 year

Proposal					
Year	Parks Paid	Risk Paid			
2017	\$ 127,072	-487,486			
2018	\$ 523,606	-488,311			
2019	\$ 438,124	-797,821			
2020	\$ 187,619	-181,947			
2021	\$ 216,304	-191,723			
2022 Budget	\$ 591,533	0 not included in calc.			
<b>Total 17-21</b>	<b>\$ 1,492,725</b>	<b>-2,147,289</b>	<b>\$ (654,564)</b>	<b>cumulative deficit</b>	
Annual Avg	\$ 298,544.90	\$ (429,457.74)	\$ (130,912.84)	annual avg deficit	
			\$ (218,188.07)	3 yr added payoff	
			\$ (349,100.91)	total additional for 3 years	
base 5 .yr avg	\$ 298,544.90				
added payment	\$ 349,101				
<b>total</b>	<b>\$ 647,645.81</b>				



# 2023 Budget: Fund Balance Projection



<u>2022</u>		<u>2023</u>	
2022 Beginning Fund Balance	3,619,550	2023 Beginning Fund Balance	3,109,039
		5% Reserve	(1,215,461)
2022 Projected Revenues	22,079,263	Revenue Stabilization Reserve	(400,000)
2022 Projected Expenditures	(21,289,774)	2023 Budgeted Revenues	24,309,223
2022 Transfer to 1950	(1,300,000)	2023 Budgeted Expenditures	(24,474,041)
Ending 2022 Fund Balance (Projected)	3,109,039	Ending 2023 Cash Reserves	1,328,760
		Targeted Beg. Fund Balance	750,000
		Cash Reserves above BFB Target	578,760



# 2023 Budget: Golf Fund



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Interfund Services	262,120	265,787	197,248	291,899	26,112
Operating Transfers	53,760	80,000	26,950		(80,000)
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- Budget for the creation of 4 new 10-month permanent course maintenance positions. (This is a pilot program for the City towards creating 9-month and 10-month FTE positions.)
- Annual fee increase to keep pace with cost escalation
- Annual verification the Facility Improvement Fund is adequately funded for debt service payments



# Spokane Park Board

## Briefing Paper



<b>Committee</b>	Park Board--Special Board Meeting						
<b>Committee meeting date</b>	October 24, 2022						
<b>Requester</b>	Jason Conley <b>Phone number:</b> 625-6211						
<b>Type of agenda item</b>	<input type="radio"/> Consent	<input type="radio"/> Discussion	<input type="radio"/> Information	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Action			
<b>Type of contract/agreement</b>	<input type="radio"/> New	<input type="radio"/> Renewal/ext.	<input type="radio"/> Lease	<input type="radio"/> Amendment/change order			
<b>City Clerks file (OPR or policy #)</b>							
<b>Item title:</b> (Use exact language noted on the agenda)	2023 Parks Fund and Golf Fund Budget						
<b>Begin/end dates</b>	Begins: 01/01/2023	Ends: 12/31/2023	<input type="checkbox"/> Open ended				
<b>Background/history:</b> Each year, Parks and Recreation submits the Division's proposed annual budget to City Council for adoption. The proposed budget, passed by the Park Board, will be transmitted to City Council the beginning of November.							
<b>Motion wording:</b> To approve the 2023 Park Fund and Golf Fund budgets, as presented.							
<b>Approvals/signatures outside Parks:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No If so, who/what department, agency or company: Name: City Council Email address: Phone:							
<b>Distribution:</b> Parks – Accounting Parks – Sarah Deatrich Requester: Jason Conley Grant Management Department/Name:							
<b>Fiscal impact:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Expenditure <input type="radio"/> Revenue Amount: Budget code:							
<b>Vendor:</b> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Existing vendor <input type="radio"/> New vendor <b>Supporting documents:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Quotes/solicitation (RFP, RFQ, RFB) <input type="checkbox"/> Contractor is on the City's A&E Roster - City of Spokane <input type="checkbox"/> UBI: Business license expiration date: <table style="float: right;"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> W-9 (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> ACH Forms (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate (min. \$1 million in General Liability)</td> </tr> </table>					<input type="checkbox"/> W-9 (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)	<input type="checkbox"/> ACH Forms (for new contractors/consultants/vendors)	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance Certificate (min. \$1 million in General Liability)
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## Why Dog Parks?

- Dog Parks are one of the fastest growing types of parks in the country – the Trust for Public Land has reported that between 2009 & 2019 the number of dog parks has increased by 74% in the nation's top 100 largest cities.
- The city of Spokane Parks and Natural Lands Master Plan, adopted in 2022, found “off-leash dog parks” to be a ‘second tier’ community desire. Per statistical survey conducted during this planning process, Spokane residents desire more facilities for their dogs to play, exercise, and socialize.
- The recently adopted Citywide Dog Park Site Selection, Design, Maintenance & Operations Guidelines recommend at least ‘1 regional dog park facility in each of the 3 city council districts within the City of Spokane’.
- An unofficial South Hill dog park, located near 63<sup>rd</sup> Avenue on land formerly owned by the City of Spokane, provided dog park service to many city residents. This facility was recently displaced to accommodate construction of a new middle school. Dog park service within the city has since declined and is being accommodated temporarily by Spokane Public Schools.

## What are desired characteristics of a public dog park in Spokane?

- Based on public survey, project advisory committee input, and technical analysis as performed in the Citywide Dog Park Site Selection, Design Maintenance & Operations guidelines, a community off-leash dog park:
  - is over 7 acres in size,
  - is located on existing City owned property,
  - is auto-oriented, within a 20 minute drive of the intended users
  - is natural in character (not irrigated turf)
  - is located near existing large trees
  - is reasonably walkable and accessible
  - is buffered from neighboring park uses and private property
  - has utilities (potable water and power)
  - minimizes displacement of existing park uses
  - protects designated critical habitat (wetlands / shoreline)

## What have we heard from the public?

Through (4) public open houses and all related citizen comments received via email and letters:

- Of all citizen who voted for a preferred dog park site:
  - 69% preferred Lincoln Park (weighted score)
  - 18% preferred Underhill Park (weighted score)
  - 13% preferred Hazel’s Creek Stormwater Facility (weighted score)

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- 27% of all public comment oppose all ‘top-3’ dog park locations
  - The majority of those which oppose all sites value preservation of the natural land higher than addition of a dog park in these spaces.
  - A smaller minority of those which oppose all sites prefer the City to partner with County to acquire land in the county nearer the unofficial south hill dog park.
- 58% of all public comment oppose one of the 3 dog park locations specifically
  - The majority of those oppose hazel’s creek.
- At the open house with the Friends of the South Hill Dog Park, voters significantly preferred the Lincoln Park site over other options. That location is the most supported of all locations.
- At the open house within the Southgate neighborhood, which contains the Hazel’s Creek site, all voters opposed the Hazel’s Creek site. That location is not supported by the community.
- At the open house within the East Central neighborhood, which contains the Underhill Park site, nearly all voters opposed Underhill Park site. That location is not supported by the community.
- At the open house within the Lincoln Heights neighborhood, which contains the Lincoln Park site, voters preferred the Lincoln Park over other options. That location is the most supported of all locations.
- Several residents commented in favor of more, smaller dog parks rather than 1 larger facility.
- Several residents commented in favor of sites other than those listed as a ‘top-3’ option.

A detailed overview of public open houses, voting and comments is included as backup to the site selection resolution.

CITY OF SPOKANE  
PARK BOARD RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION selecting the location of an Official South Hill Dog Park

WHEREAS, the Park Board is empowered by the City Charter with exclusive jurisdiction and control to lay out, establish, procure, purchase, accept, and have the care, management control and improvement of, all parks and grounds used for park purposes, all boulevards and parkways, and connecting parks and structures thereon located both within and outside of the City of Spokane; and

WHEREAS, dog parks are one of the fastest growing types of park amenities in the country and can contribute to agency revenues and tourism; and

WHEREAS, according to community feedback received during the 2022 parks and natural lands master plan (OPR2022-0454), Spokane residents desire more 'off-leash' dog park facilities for their dogs to safely play, exercise and socialize; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2022, the Park Board entered an MOU with Spokane School District 81 (OPR2022-0137) agreeing to work together to both complete a citywide 'Type, Size and Location' dog park study and determine the location for one specific dog park in City Council District 2, known as the 'Official South Hill Dog Park'; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2022, the Park Board adopted the 2022 City of Spokane Dog Park Site Selection, Design and Operations Guidelines, which evaluated all properties owned by the City of Spokane for suitability to host a dog park; and

WHEREAS, according to the dog park guidelines, at least (1) regional dog park of at least 7 acres in size is preferred in each of the (3) City Council Districts; and

WHEREAS, according to the dog park guidelines, the 'top 3' potential dog park locations for a regional dog park within City Council District 2 are Underhill Park, Lincoln Park, and Hazel's Creek Stormwater Facility; and

WHEREAS, the City has developed preliminary dog park concepts for the 'top-3 dog park locations'; and

WHEREAS, the City has solicited significant public input regarding preliminary dog park concepts through (4) public open houses, (1) in each neighborhood containing a 'top-3 dog park location' and (1) with the friends of the south hill dog park; and

WHEREAS, according to public feedback received, 27% of community responses opposed all 'top-3 dog park locations; and

WHEREAS, according to public feedback received, Hazel's Creek Stormwater Facility is the least preferred 'top-3' location for a dog park, having received 13% of weighted votes to host a dog park; and

WHEREAS, according to public feedback received, Underhill Park is the second most preferred 'top-3' location for a dog park, having received 18% of weighted votes to host a dog park; and

WHEREAS, according to public feedback received, Lincoln Park is the most preferred 'top 3' location for a dog park, having received 69% of weighted votes to host a dog park; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Park Board to select Lincoln Park as the location for an Official South Hill Dog Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Official South Hill Dog Park development shall substantially include all improvements depicted diagrammatically on the 'Lincoln Park Dog Park Feasibility Concept'; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that park staff and Spokane Public Schools shall mitigate community concerns regarding parking, utility access, pedestrian path continuity around the dog park, and environmental preservation around the dog park during the detailed design and construction documentation phase of the project and present the proposed improvement plans for Park Board approval prior to the commencement of construction activity.

ADOPTED BY THE PARK BOARD ON \_\_\_\_\_

Attest:

Park Board President  
Approved as to form:

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City Clerk

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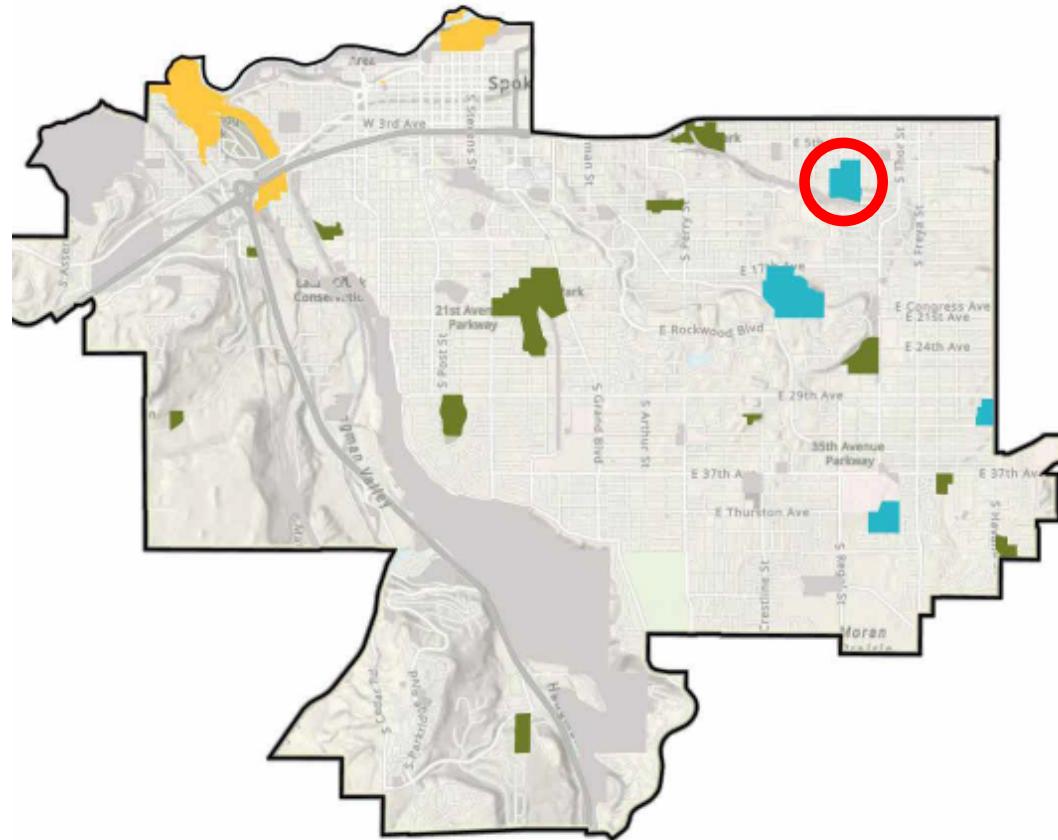
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# PLACEMENT CRITERIA

## Outcomes Suitable Sites

### DISTRICT 2

- 16 POTENTIAL DOG PARK SITES
- TOP 4 SITES:
  - Underhill Park
  - Lincoln Park
  - Hazel's Creek Storm Facility
  - Thornton Murphy Park
- #4 RATED OVERALL SITE  
CITYWIDE



# Option A Underhill Park

## site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 5.19  
district 2 rank: #1  
citywide rank: #4

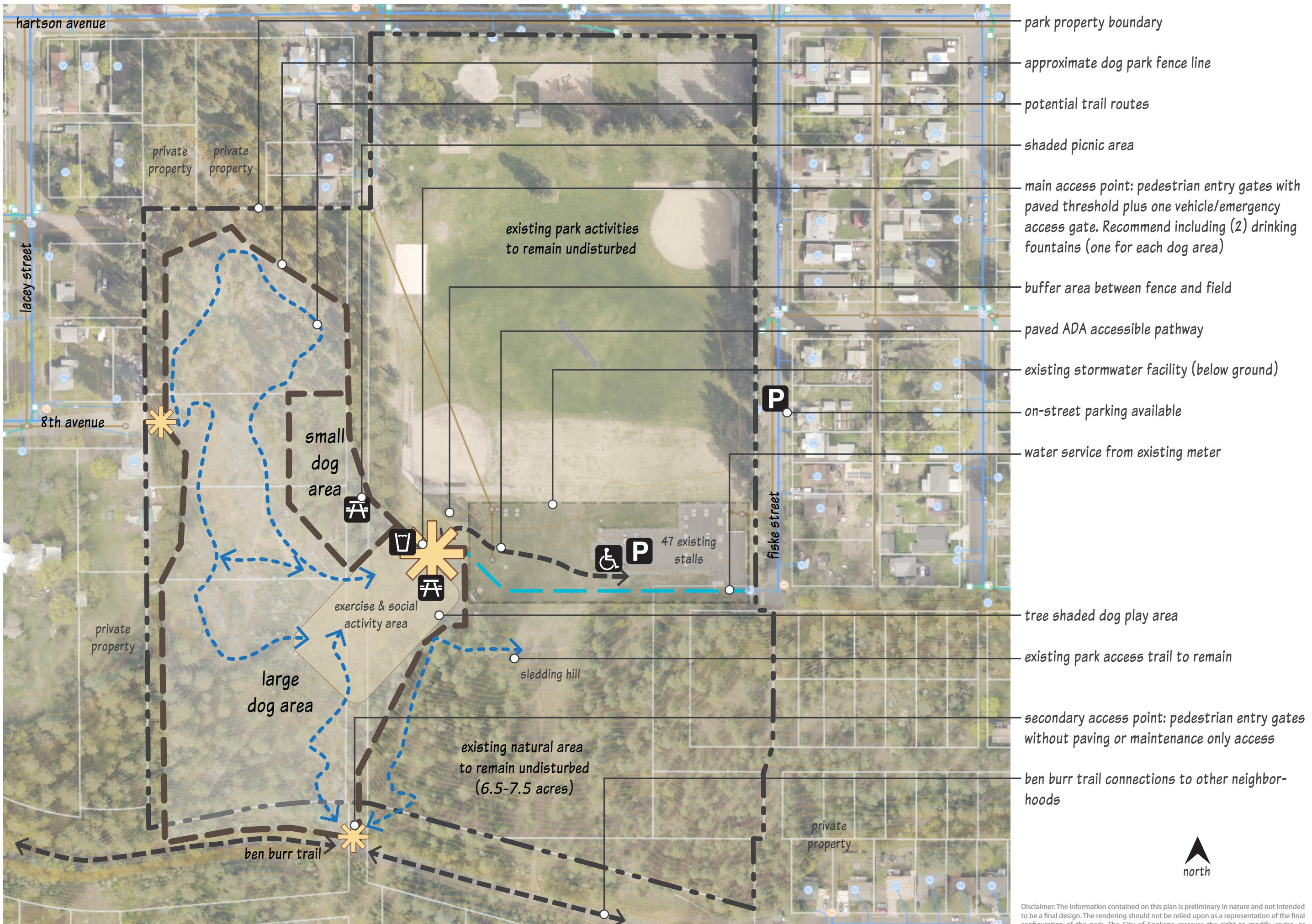
total park area: 26 acres  
total dog park area: 6.0 - 7.5 acres  
large dog area size: 5.0 - 6.5 acres  
small dog area size: 0.8 - 1.0 acres

**pros:**

- large size
- natural forested character
- lots of shade
- existing off-street parking
- utilities on-site or nearby
- may displace illicit activity

**cons:**

- some loss of natural area
- steep terrain
- ADA access more difficult

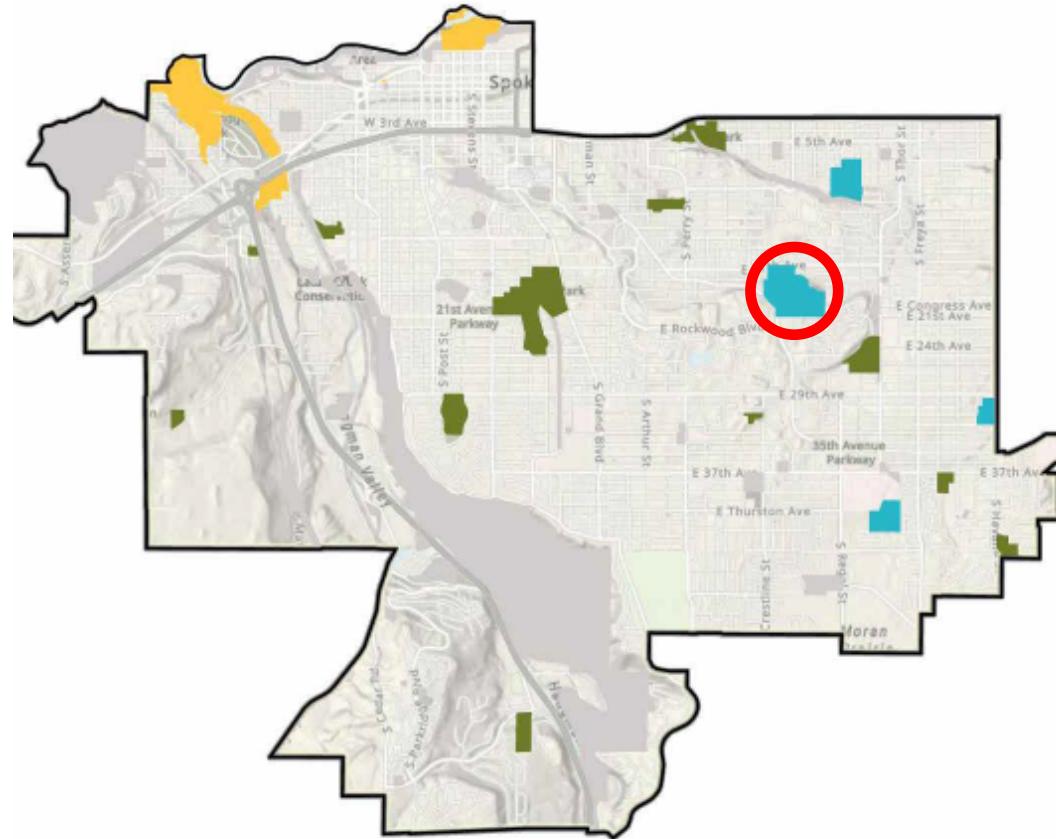


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# Option B Lincoln Park

## site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 4.40

district 2 rank: #2

citywide rank: #6

total park area: 58 acres

total dog park area: 7.0 - 8.0 acres

large dog area size: 6.5 - 7.0 acres

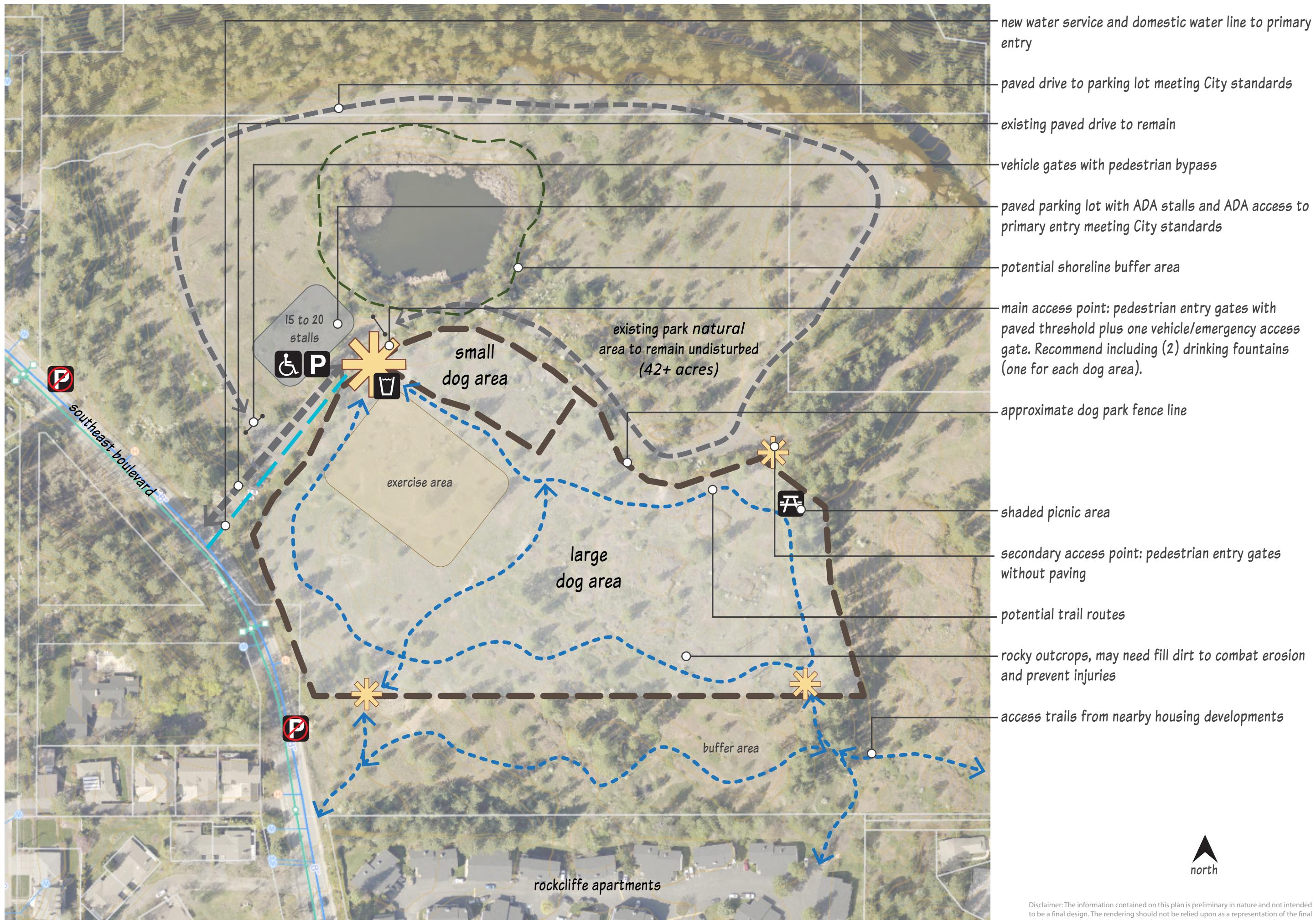
small dog area size: 0.7 - 1.0 acres

### pros:

- large open site
- flat terrain
- minimal impact on other park uses
- may enhance neighborhood connectivity
- natural character

### cons:

- surface rock and shallow soil
- no parking available
- no existing utilities
- potential for increased illicit activity in new parking lot



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City of Spokane Parks and Recreation

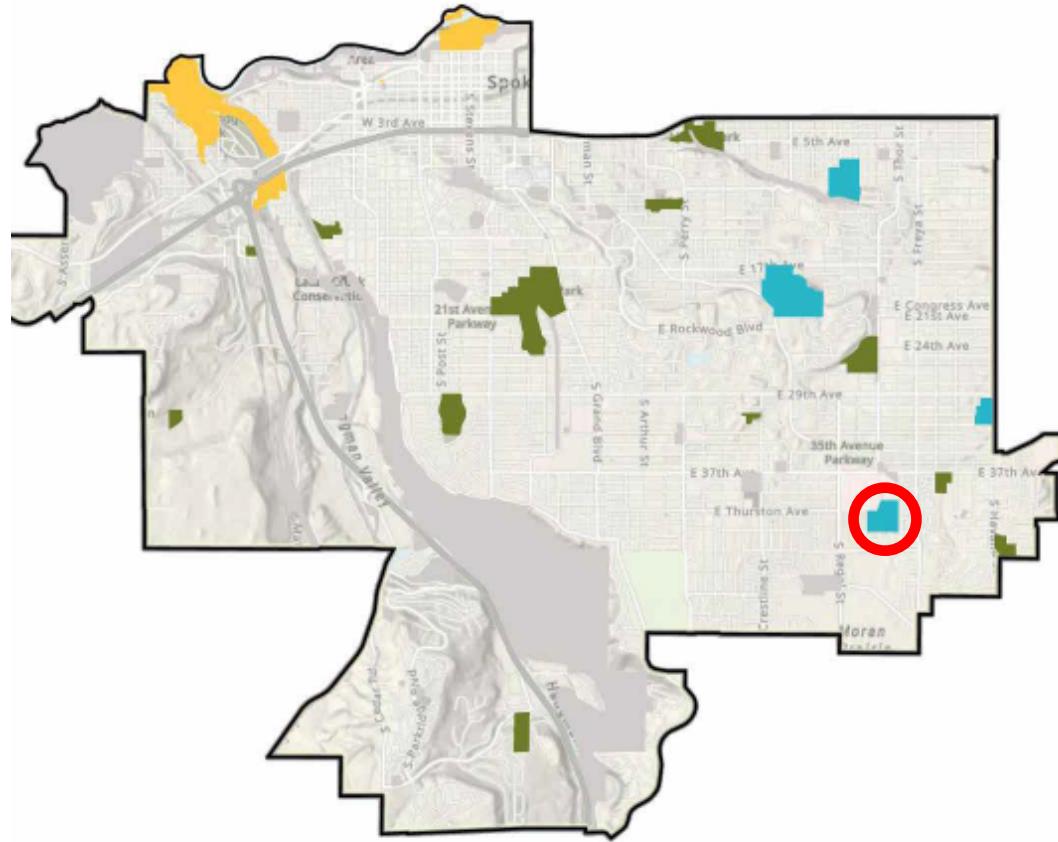


# PLACEMENT CRITERIA

# Outcomes Suitable Sites

DISTRICT 2

- 16 POTENTIAL DOG PARK SITES
  - TOP 4 SITES:
    - Underhill Park
    - Lincoln Park
    - Hazel's Creek Storm Facility
    - Thornton Murphy Park
  - #4 RATED OVERALL SITE  
CITYWIDE



# Option C Hazel's Creek Stormwater Facility

## site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 3.92

district 2 rank: #3

citywide rank: #7

total facility area:

total dog park area: 3.5 - 4.25 acres

large dog area size: 2.5 - 3.0 acres

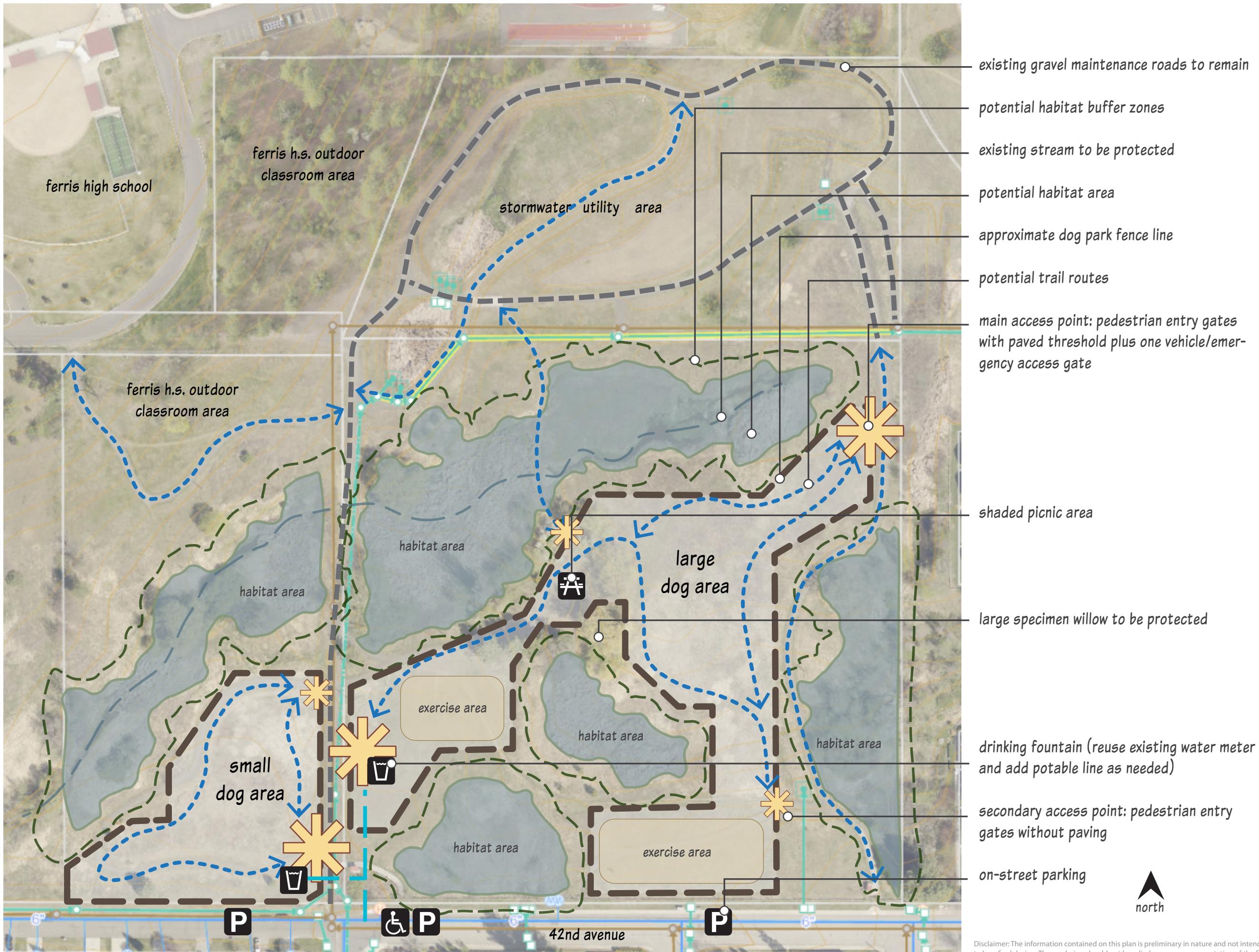
small dog area size: 1.0 - 1.25 acres

### pros:

- flat site access
- closest site to existing dog park
- preserves natural habitat
- utilities available or nearby
- on street parking available

### cons:

- smaller total area
- wet conditions into summer months
- no off street parking
- potential for wetland buffers to increase in size, further shrinking available dog park area.



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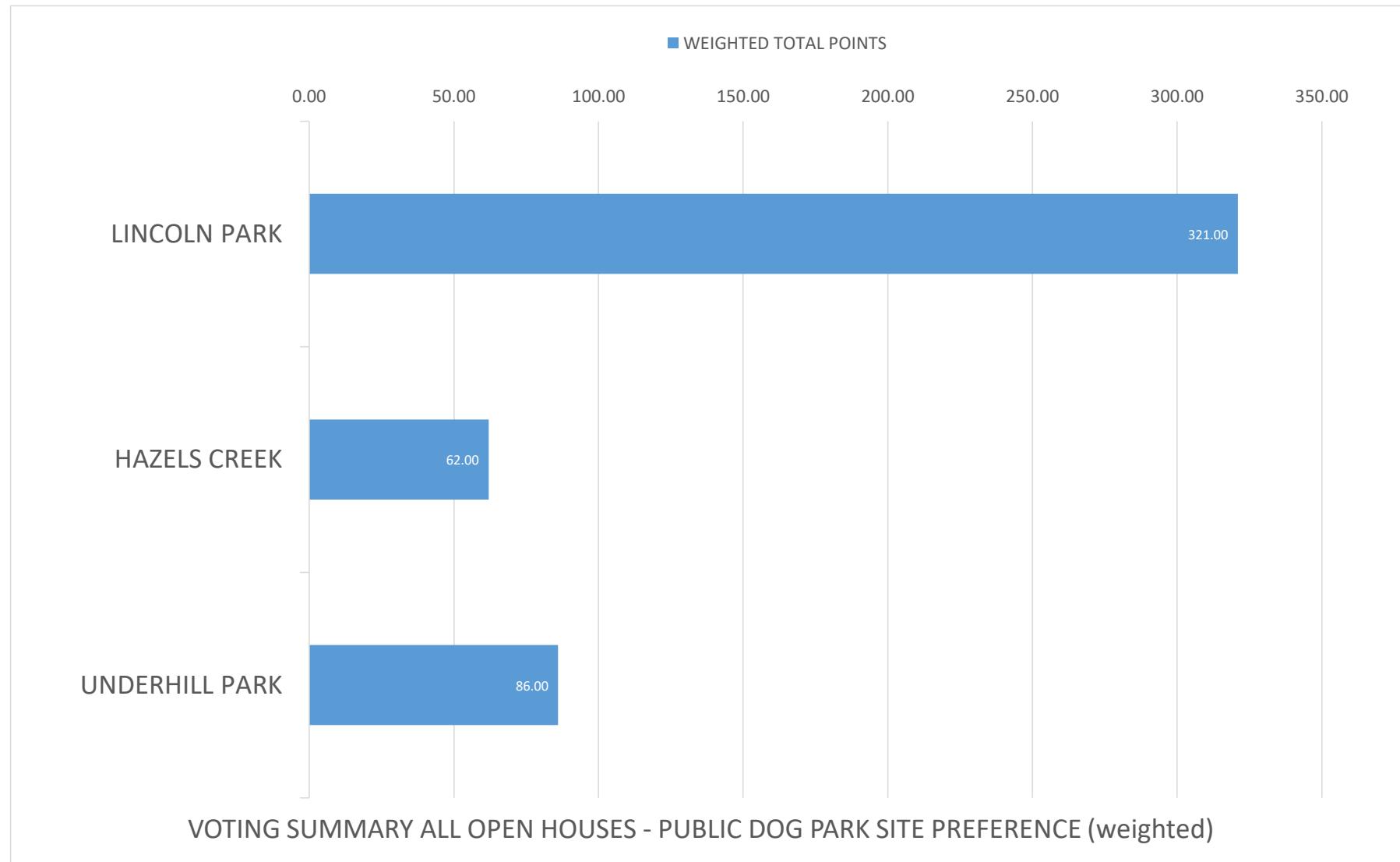
### OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION' OPEN HOUSE RECAP - INCLUDING OPEN HOUSES #1, #2, #3, & #4

NOTES: 4 open house meetings held following completion of citywide dog park guidelines document to gain public feedback on 'top-3' potential sites for an official south hill dog park location. 4 meetings held, 1 in each neighborhood containing a 'top-3' potential site and 1 with the 'friends of the south hill dog park'. 3 meetings held in-person & 1 held via web conference (zoom). 193 total citizens signed-in as attendees, several more attended without signing in. XX citizens were 'repeat' attendees, attending & voting in more than 1 open house. City presentation followed by Q&A & public voting. In addition to open houses and email correspondence, 1 public petition and 1 neighborhood council resolution were received. Both documents opposed a dog park @ Underhill Park specifically. Public input summaries, voting totals, and public input received for each of the 4 meetings are included after this summary page.

COMMUNITY PREFERENCE FOR DOG PARK LOCATION #1 Most Preferred Site, #2 Somewhat Acceptable Site, #3 Oppose Site	#1 votes (green dot)	#2 votes (yellow dot)	#3 votes (red dot)	Weighted Total
<b>1 LINCOLN PARK</b>	98.00	27.00	10.00	<b>321.00</b>
<b>2 HAZEL'S CREEK</b>	11.00	29.00	60.00	<b>62.00</b>
<b>3 UNDERHILL PARK</b>	15.00	41.00	70.00	<b>86.00</b>

*Weighted total calculation note: #1 vote (red dot) = 3 points, #2 vote (yellow dot) = 1 point, #3 vote (red dot) = 0 points*

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Summary From Comment Cards, emails, and other correspondence received):	# of comments
<b>HAZEL'S CREEK</b>	<b>63.0</b>
- oppose hazel's creek - keep natural / preserve wildlife	45.0
- oppose hazel's creek - pedestrian / vehicular congestion concerns	8.0
- oppose hazel's creek - displaces other uses	5.0
- oppose hazel's creek - environmental dog health concerns (ticks)	1.0
- support hazel's creek as dog park - no reason cited	1.0
- support hazel's creek - location most desirable	1.0
- oppose hazel's creek - safety concerns	1.0
- oppose hazel's creek - environmental concerns	1.0
<b>LINCOLN PARK</b>	<b>29.0</b>
- oppose lincoln park - keep natural / preserve wildlife	16.0
- ensure ada walking routes @ lincoln	3.0
- support lincoln park - most walkable and centrally located	3.0
- concerned about traffic & parking	2.0
- oppose lincoln park - concerned about vehicle / traffic impact	1.0
- consider reducing area of dog park to preserve more natural land	1.0
- consider a larger dog park area than shown	1.0
- concerned about rocky surface @ lincoln	1.0
- has smallest impact on existing park	1.0
<b>UNDERHILL PARK</b>	<b>208.0</b>
- citizen led petition opposing dog park	162.0
- oppose underhill - keep natural / preserve wildlife	15.0
- oppose underhill - displaces other uses	9.0
- oppose underhill - too steep & unusable	6.0
- oppose underhill - too far	2.0
- oppose underhill - socioeconomic impact	3.0
- oppose underhill - concerned about increased traffic	5.0
- oppose underhill - inaccessible for mobility impaired	2.0
- oppose underhill - no reason cited	3.0
- Underhill is better option than Hazel's Creek	1.0
<b>ALL SITES / GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	<b>74.0</b>
- no good options / all sites inadequate	19.0
- oppose all sites - keep natural / preserve wildlife	10.0
- recommend purchasing land / partnering with county (closer to original site)	8.0
- oppose dog parks in general	7.0
- oppose idea of large, regional dog park. Prefer smaller park	7.0
- prefer other site (manito, thornton murphy, glenrose corner)	6.0
- support dog parks in general	6.0
- any dog park needs utilities (water / restrooms)	1.0
- support effort to find dog park location	1.0
- additional parking needed @ all sites	1.0
- oppose dog parks - allocate maintenance dollars to existing parks	1.0
- prioritize effort on enforcing leash laws in neighborhood parks	1.0
- support numerical grading of dog park sites	1.0
- all options displace community activity	1.0
- public funding should benefit majority	1.0
- dog park access is important for seniors	1.0
- keep new dog park on south hill	1.0
- what will winter / snow access be like?	1.0





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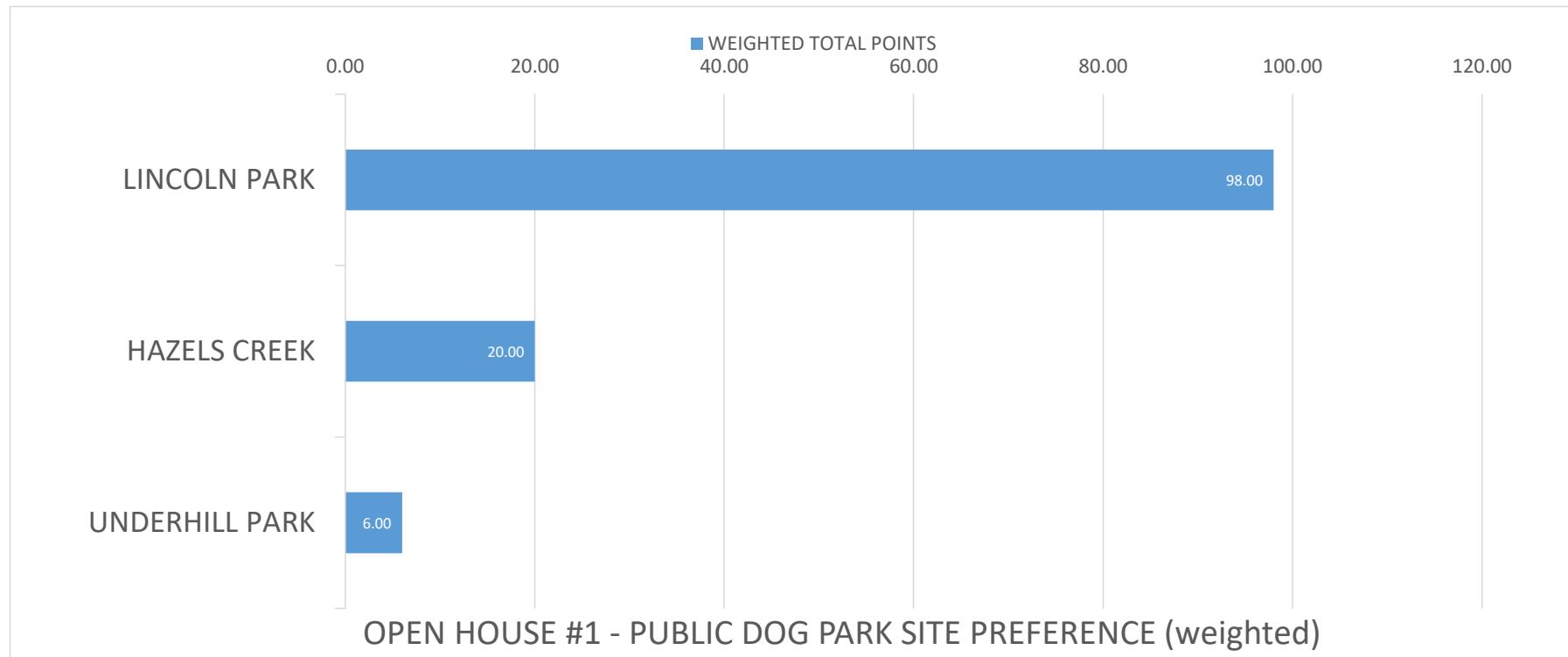
### S. HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION - OPEN HOUSE #1 - MULLAN ROAD ELEMENTARY - 2022.10.10

NOTES: In person meeting specific to dog park selection held from 6:00-8:00pm, 60 citizens signed-in as attendees. City presentation followed by Q&A & public voting.

COMMUNITY PREFERENCE FOR DOG PARK LOCATION <i>#1 Most Preferred Site, #2 Somewhat Acceptable Site, #3 Oppose Site</i>	#1 votes (green dot)	#2 votes (yellow dot)	#3 votes (red dot)	Weighted Total
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<b>2 HAZEL'S CREEK</b>	2.00	14.00	13.00	<b>20.00</b>
<b>3 UNDERHILL PARK</b>	0.00	6.00	24.00	<b>6.00</b>

*Weighted total calculation note: #1 vote (red dot) = 3 points, #2 vote (yellow dot) = 1 point, #3 vote (red dot) = 0 points*

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Summary From Comment Cards Received):	# of comments	
<b>HAZEL'S CREEK</b>	<b>5.0</b>	
- oppose hazel's creek - keep natural / preserve wildlife	4.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - environmental dog health concerns (ticks)	1.0	
<b>LINCOLN PARK</b>	<b>10.0</b>	
- oppose lincoln park - keep natural / preserve wildlife	3.0	
- ensure ada walking routes @ lincoln	2.0	
- oppose lincoln park -concerned about vehicle / traffic impact	1.0	
- consider a larger dog park area than shown	1.0	
- concerned about rocky surface @ lincoln	1.0	
- has smallest impact on existing park	1.0	
- parking improvements needed to host dog park	1.0	
<b>UNDERHILL PARK</b>	<b>12.0</b>	
- oppose underhill - keep natural / preserve wildlife	5.0	
- oppose underhill - too far	2.0	
- oppose underhill - socioeconomic impact	2.0	
- oppose underhill - concerned about increased traffic	1.0	
- oppose underhill - inaccessible for mobility impaired	1.0	
- not a good option	1.0	
<b>ALL SITES / GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	<b>33.0</b>	
- no good options / all sites inadequate	7.0	
- recommend purchasing land / partnering with county (closer to original site)	6.0	
- oppose all sites - keep natural / preserve wildlife	2.0	
- prefer other site (manito, thornton murphy, glenrose corner)	4.0	
- public funding should benefit majority	1.0	
- all options displace community activity	1.0	
- more dog parks needed in general	1.0	
- what will winter / snow access be like?	1.0	
- additional parking needed @ all sites	1.0	
- appreciate effort of team to find location	1.0	
- like that sites were graded numerically to remove politics & personal opinion	1.0	
- all sites too far from dog park lost @ Mullan Rd.	1.0	
- place dog park in existing green / developed area. Preserve natural land	1.0	
- reduce size of all proposed dog parks to limit ecological impact	1.0	
- dog park access is important for seniors	1.0	
- all options too small	1.0	
- keep it on south hill	1.0	
- if no neighborhood support - will parks shelve idea?	1.0	





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## Option A Underhill Park

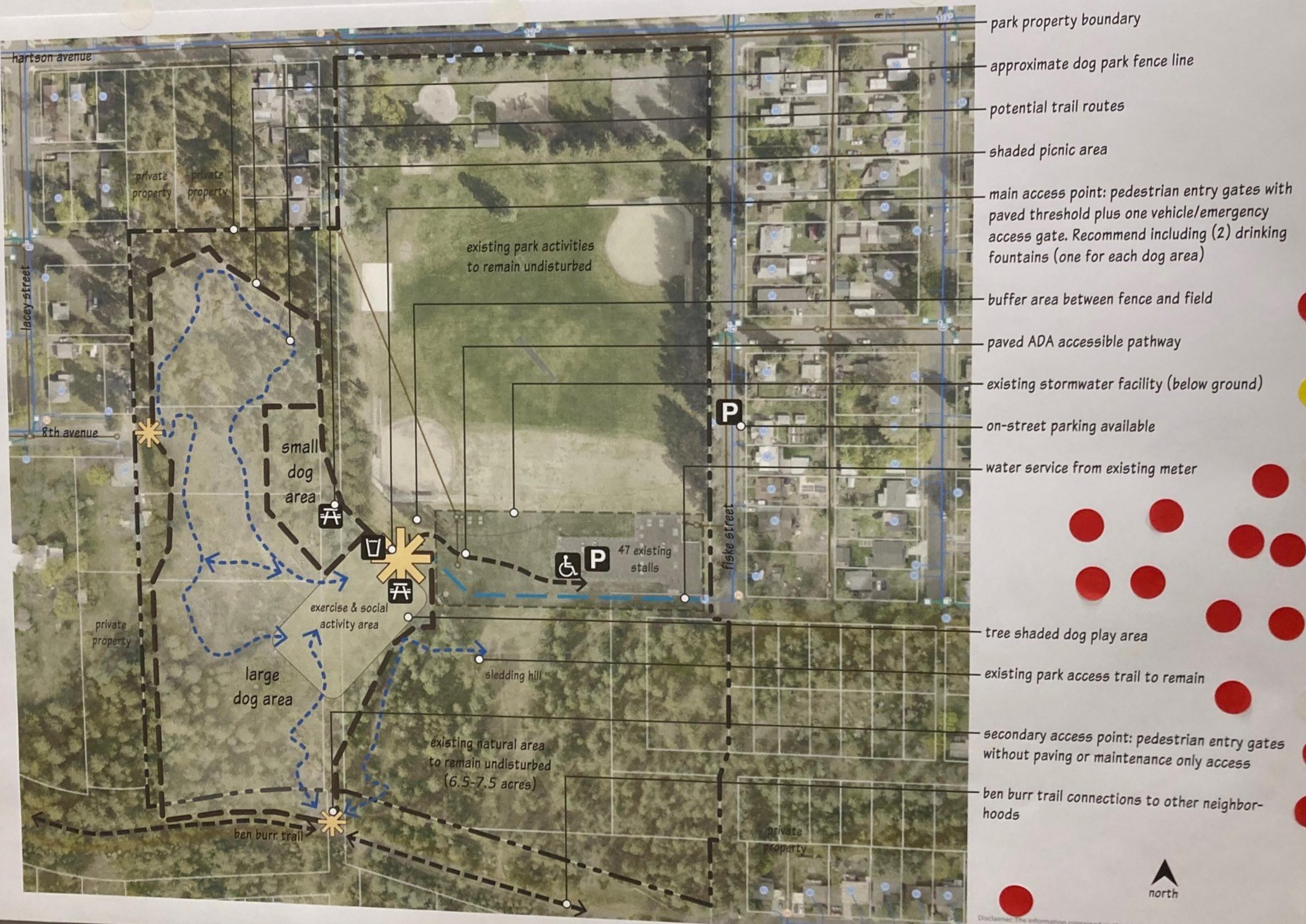
### site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 5.19  
district 2 rank: #1  
citywide rank: #4

total park area: 26 acres  
total dog park area: 6.0 - 7.5 acres  
large dog area size: 5.0 - 6.5 acres  
small dog area size: 0.8 - 1.0 acres

- pros:**
- large size
  - natural forested character
  - lots of shade
  - existing off-street parking
  - utilities on-site or nearby
  - may displace illicit activity

- cons:**
- some loss of natural area
  - steep terrain
  - ADA access more difficult



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## Option B Lincoln Park

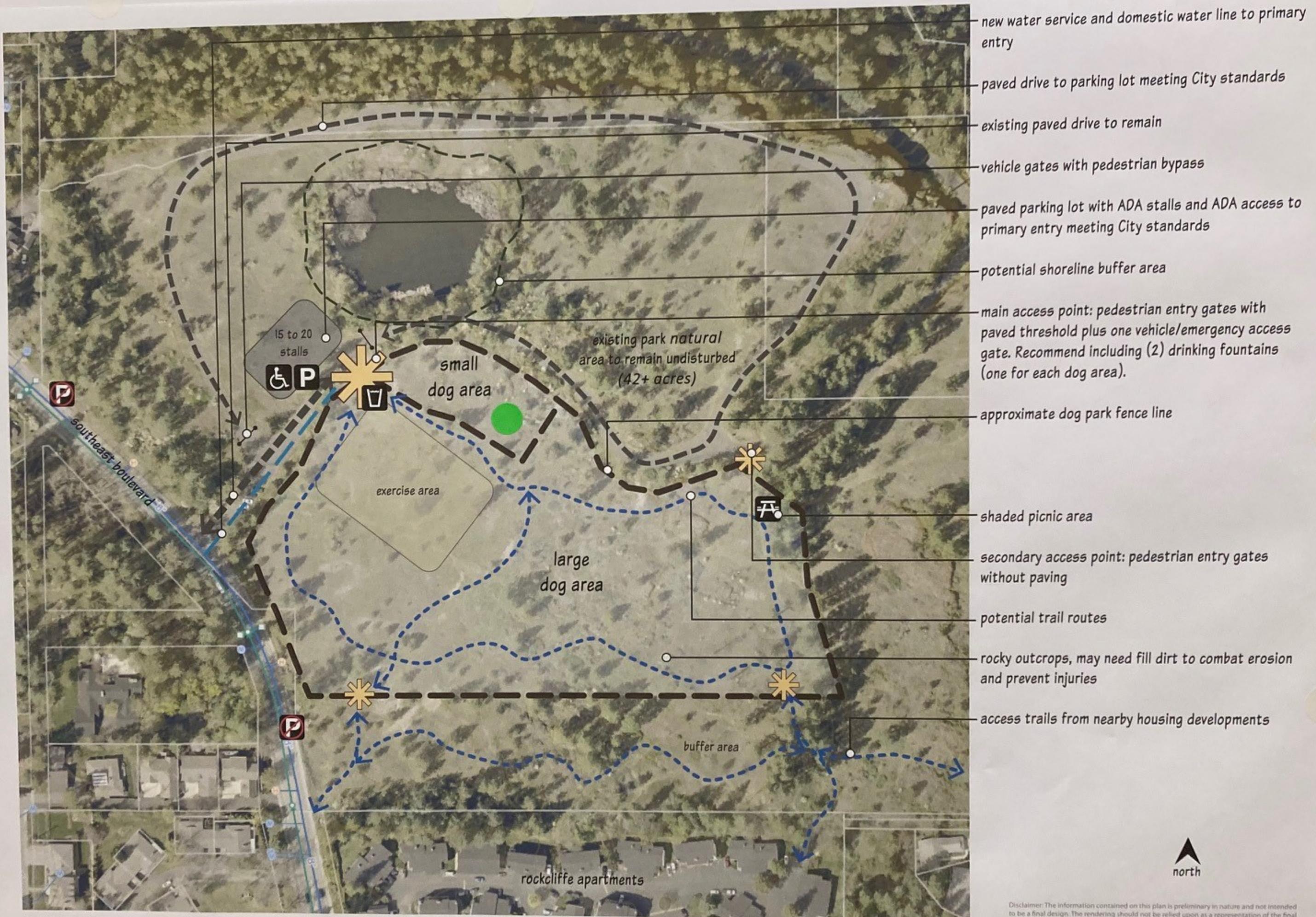
### site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 4.40  
district 2 rank: #2  
citywide rank: #6

total park area: 58 acres  
total dog park area: 7.0 - 8.0 acres  
large dog area size: 6.5 - 7.0 acres  
small dog area size: 0.7 - 1.0 acres

- pros:**
- large open site
  - flat terrain
  - minimal impact on other park uses
  - may enhance neighborhood connectivity
  - natural character

- cons:**
- surface rock and shallow soil
  - no parking available
  - no existing utilities
  - potential for increased illicit activity in new parking lot



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## Option C Hazel's Creek Stormwater Facility

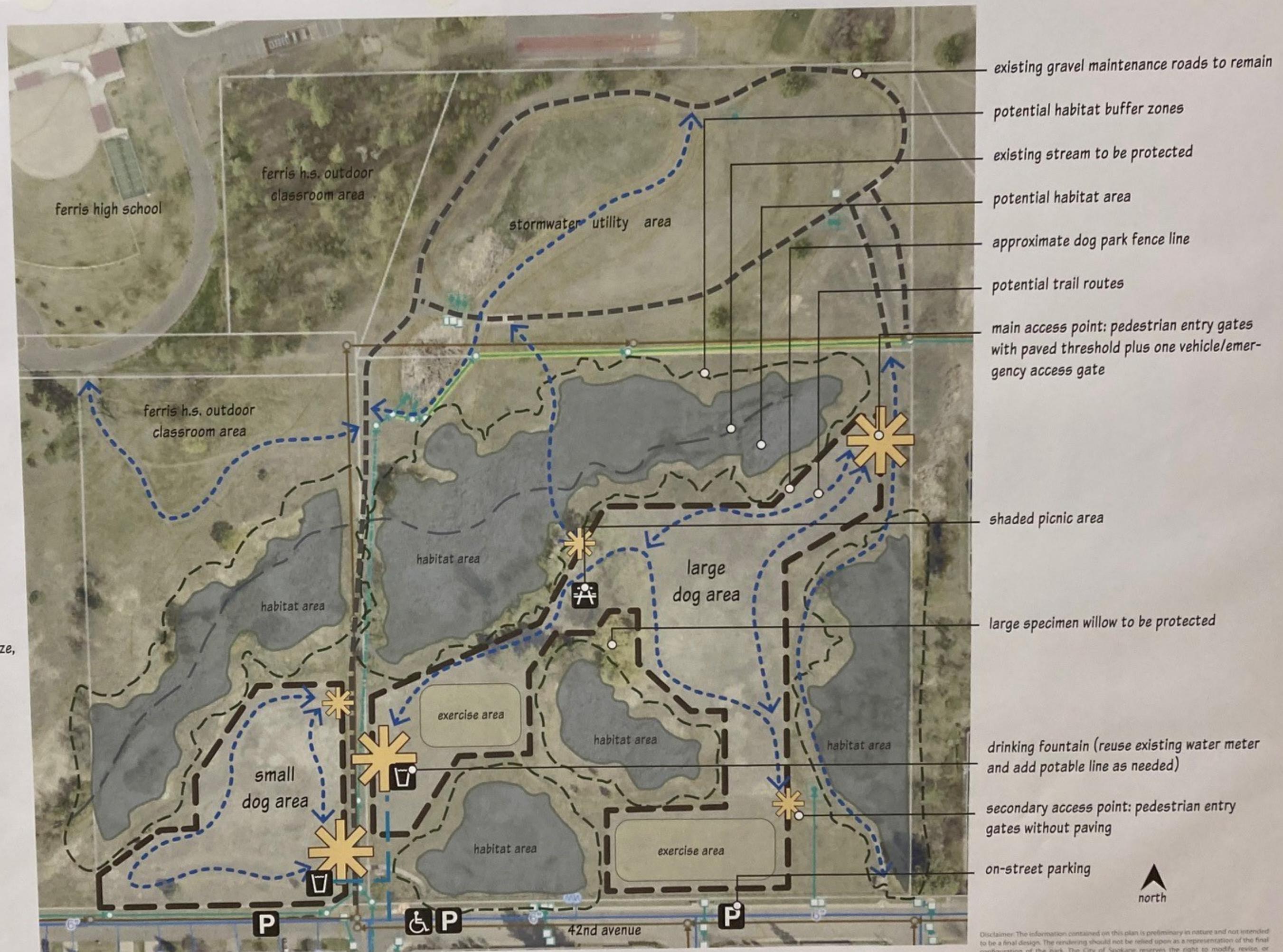
### site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 3.92  
district 2 rank: #3  
citywide rank: #7

total facility area:  
total dog park area: 3.5 - 4.25 acres  
large dog area size: 2.5 - 3.0 acres  
small dog area size: 1.0 - 1.25 acres

- pros:
- flat site access
  - closest site to existing dog park
  - preserves natural habitat
  - utilities available or nearby
  - on street parking available

- cons:
- smaller total area
  - wet conditions into summer months
  - no off street parking
  - potential for wetland buffers to increase in size, further shrinking available dog park area.



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## FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Mary O'Byrne

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- 1- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

The city acquired this property (Hazel's Creek) from my mother Hazel O'Byrne. We were forced to sell to the city because of storm water problems south of our 10 acres.

The city promised my mom that they would never do any sort of development on our site. They even came to her funeral and presented the red-winged blackbird picture that is on the signage for the site now.

It is land meant for birds, animals, insects, plants, wetlands, cattails, that is a treasure. In its natural state it is thriving.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Jackie O'Byrne

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	
- LINCOLN PARK /	
- UNDERHILL PARK	

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

No dogspark at Hazel's. It was promised to Hazel's family of Hazel that it would never be developed. Stay as storm water run off only. As mapping showing area, there is 4 areas that also bog/swamp in the area for all spring and most of summer. We'd loose all wildlife, deer, raccoons, skunks, many different type birds. The last I've seen has been 2 different deer fawns.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Laurie Rodgers

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

2 HAZEL'S CREEK

2

1 LINCOLN PARK

1

3 UNDERHILL PARK

3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

- Would consideration be given to a larger area for dog park (Lincoln park be given for shaded areas/trees) if trails were ~~decreed~~ created.
- Any thought to having all 3 of the Manito options used?
- If neighborhood councils are adamantly opposed to a dog park in their neighborhood ~~there~~ is it possible that in the end, the Parks Dept. will say it "failed" for community dog park but were unsuccessful?



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Robin Crain - Science teacher Ferris H.S.

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

All of these sites are inadequate.

SITE RANKING

last

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I was on the original committee to set up the use parameters for Hazel's Creek. The first hearings took place in 2004. The city promised the O'Byrnes that the site would have no development other than storm water retention. The city also went to Spokane Public Schools and swapped a property to put in ponds. The city promised educational access to the entire site.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: GEORGE CAMPBELL

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	<u>1</u>
- LINCOLN PARK	<u>2</u>
- UNDERHILL PARK	<u>3</u>

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

*I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLY PURCHASING OR SWAPPING LAND WITH SPO CO TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL SPACES.*



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## FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Jessica Atkins adkinsjy@yahoo.com 541-223-1514

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	
- LINCOLN PARK	
- UNDERHILL PARK	

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I can't in good faith vote for any of these sites for a new dog park. I am not familiar with Hazel's Creek, but it seems like a poor choice due to the existence of the wetland. Lincoln Park is a poor choice due to the abundance of native plant habitat. I walk in that area year round and have observed Camas, Lomatium species, Bitterroot, Arrowhead Balsam root, and Phlox in abundance. Any modification to the habitat there would be detrimental (fencing, resurfacing, etc.) not to mention the ~~present~~ increase in dog density. Underhill is a similar situation. I live near the Ben Burr Trail and walk to Underhill regularly. Fencing in

Such a large plot of land for dog park use will remove a much loved pocket of nature from the city. I believe the natural area at Underhill is extra special because it is adjacent to a historically underserved socioeconomic population - this pocket of nature is so accessible, please don't take it away from the community.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Sandra A. Somes

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

Yellow Next  
Green - Best  
Red - No

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of): (Trade)

- Question #1 - Why did you not consider Spokane County property? ↑  
\* None of these Park option are the size you agreed upon to replace  
the 15 acres you took -  
\* Please keep it on the South Hill -  
\* There are older people who need to be able to walk or be with their  
dogs - Long Paying TAX contributors!  
\* Underhill for me would not be an option -  
\* All are really to small for the amount of dogs we have  
frequenting the park now -



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Mike & Chris Huie

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

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10  
10

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Why can't we pursue a county/city partnership?

Keep working on it. The 3 choices are unacceptable.



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## FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Karen Mobley

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

None of the Above

1

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I am very concerned about the ecological impacts of these projects. How can dogs be off leash + protect habitat? This is an opportunity but it does promise to damage what is left of undeveloped area in the south hill. Underhill will not serve those there - they don't want to go there. Both Hazel's Creek + Lincoln Park while not designated conservation area are that - herons, water birds in migrations use these ponds. Can it be smaller + more distributed + cause less damage? I think these areas are too small for 7 acres to be used in this way.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Lallah Marston (509) 954-3643

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I don't believe any of these locations  
~~the~~ should have a dog park of the size  
proposed because of the impact  
on the natural habitat. These  
are beautiful natural spaces that  
should be protected for the overall health  
of the city. Many other spaces in  
Spokane can be better utilized and/or  
offered for a dog park. I DO have a dog  
who loves to socialize but these  
proposals are not for the dogs, they  
are for ????



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Ruth "Rudi" Downing

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):		SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	I don't speak for these as I don't live there	
- LINCOLN PARK		
- UNDERHILL PARK	and wildlife not this one	3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

besides the natural habitat being negatively affected;  
all the streets around Underhill, Hartson, Fiske,  
and Regal are very narrow streets, extra traffic  
would really affect the neighbors - lots of the  
people have to park on the streets. (who live in  
neighbor)

Besides fencing the rugged terrain at  
Underhill would cost a fortune!



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Nancy Johnson

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

None — look further

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

You need to explore city / county projects —  
A dog park is needed — look how busy  
this park is — as important for seniors  
as ~~sports~~ parks are for young folks —



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: PATRICK MCKANN

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

Ø<sup>1</sup>  
Ø<sup>2</sup>  
Ø<sup>3</sup>

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

These are all terrible options and will fragment and destroy the existing wildlife habitat. ~~and~~ Everyone who already frequents these parks love them for the open space and habitat they provide. AND you can already bring your dog. What we need is more contiguous habitat.

I think the only way for everyone to win is to take an existing green field, adjacent to trees, and rehab the lawn into native habitat. THORNTON MURPHY!



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## FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: TAVIS SCHMIDT

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK 3	3
- LINCOLN PARK 3	3
- UNDERHILL PARK 3	3
- Thornton Murphy 1	1

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Thornton Murphy is the only one mentioned during the presentation that should be developed. Hazel's Creek is wetlands ad used by wildlife ad Ferris H.S. for Biology, Engineering, Photography and more.

Lincoln park is too closed to vehicles ad will impact the migrating birds who use the pond.

Underhill is taking away from the lower economic spectrum of our city. That neighborhood uses the park fully ad needs to have natural open space left intact.

Why hasn't the County contributed to a South Hill Dog park?! Most user of the current one live in the County. What about Irv Zackheim or Suzy Dix contributing property since they own so much to the west of the old South Hill dog park. Private partnership?



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## FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Megan O'Leary

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

3  
1  
2

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I think the Lincoln Park site is the best choice overall. This site has the smallest impact on the existing park. Hazel's Creek and Underhill Park could be made to work, but there are many a wildlife animals they should remain undisturbed, not to mention the leptospirosis and blue-green algae risks to the dogs. Underhill park would be my 2nd choice, but I'm concerned about taking such a significant portion of already used plots. I appreciate the efforts of the team who came up with the proposals and like that sites were graded numerically to attempt to remove politics and numerous <sup>personal</sup> opinions from the decision making process.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Jeannette Thompson

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	2
- LINCOLN PARK	1
- UNDERHILL PARK	3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

- Additional parking & access would be needed for any site chosen
- Has there been a study of current use? # of people, dogs, etc on given week
- What will the snowy less ideal weather access & safety be? for both dogs & humans
- Underhill rural land proposed is not safe for dogs.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Shari Manikowski

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	2
- LINCOLN PARK	1
- UNDERHILL PARK	3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Please consider dangers to the dogs like ticks. Hazel's Creek is known to have ticks and a thistle plant (not sure of the name) that burrows into dogs skin and between paws and needs to be removed by a vet.

Keep looking for better options! (Please)

How big is the area behind Dwight Merkel?



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YOUR NAME: Paul Auscems

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- |                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 2 - HAZEL'S CREEK  |  |
| 1 - LINCOLN PARK   |  |
| 3 - UNDERHILL PARK |  |

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Please Please we need more dog parks. I have not ever lived in a city that ① has so many dogs & dog owners and has so few parks for our canapions



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Justin Botegue

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK ← UNACCEPTABLE

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Underhill is the least suitable.

- It is too far
- Unaccessible for people with different abilities & the elderly
- Displaces current activities at an already very busy park
- Most of all, negatively impacts communities of color, underserved, and low income people further degrading the East Central neighborhood



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Ruth Crea

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	2
- LINCOLN PARK	1
- UNDERHILL PARK	3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I think Lincoln Park would be the best option.  
Parking will need to be expanded.  
And to meet the needs of the elderly who enjoyed  
walking in our other dog park that was 15 acres,  
would it be possible to make a path through the  
park?

I think Hazel Creek would not be feasible because of  
it being a wetland area - (ticks)

It doesn't sound like the community around  
Underhill wants the area turned into a dog park

and I don't want to take my dog to a place  
where there is conflict.



10-Oct-22

FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Chris Baumhart

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

none of these

The Glenrose corner should be considered for perhaps

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I believe more collaboration between city agencies should be done to build the next regional park ~~that will~~ by facilitating proximity to future annexation and growth absorption on the south end of town. The next park should coincide with future growth areas



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### FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

The challenge here is that the property that was where Peperzak will be is in the County, rather than city. The proposed properties are far from "Peperzak". We prefer to have a dog park that is less concerned with trees/shading/size and more concerned with local of what is being displaced.





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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Raziel Schmit

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	3
- LINCOLN PARK	3
- UNDERHILL PARK	3
- Thornton Murphy	2

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Building on any of the top 3 sites displaces various community activities.

Public funding should benefit the majority.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Pamela D CMyor

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	2
- LINCOLN PARK	1
- UNDERHILL PARK	3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I am concerned about the rockiness and rough terrain at Lincoln Park. I'm hoping you could improve the land and make it more accessible for those with mobility issues. Tree canopy is very high on my list as my dogs do not do well in heat. There has to be plenty of shade. I support the larger sized park. 7 acres isn't ideal but we can work with that. Maybe add some paths on the perimeter for walking would be nice. I appreciate what you are doing. Thank you for supporting dog parks.



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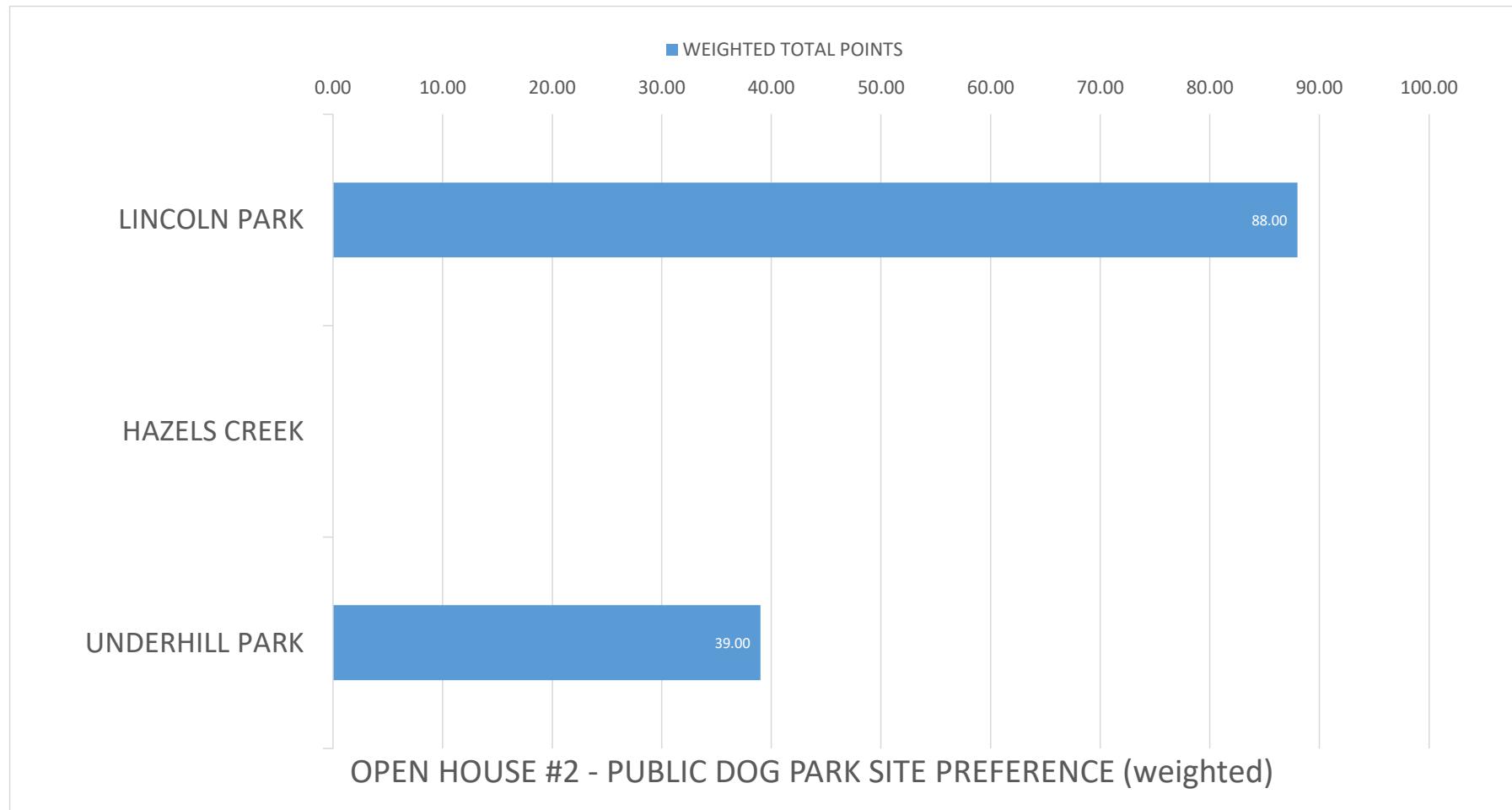
## S. HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION - OPEN HOUSE #2 - SOUTHGATE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL - 2022.10.12

NOTES: In-person meeting held as a portion of Southgate Neighborhood Council Meeting. Held from 7:00-8:15pm, 39 citizens signed-in as attendees. Several citizens attending but not signed in. City presentation followed by Q&A & public voting.

COMMUNITY PREFERENCE FOR DOG PARK LOCATION <i>#1 Most Preferred Site, #2 Somewhat Acceptable Site, #3 Oppose Site</i>		#1 votes (green dot)	#2 votes (yellow dot)	#3 votes (red dot)	Weighted Total
1 LINCOLN PARK		26.00	10.00	0.00	88.00
2 HAZEL'S CREEK		0.00	0.00	38.00	0.00
3 UNDERHILL PARK		6.00	21.00	5.00	39.00

*Weighted total calculation note: #1 vote (red dot) = 3 points, #2 vote (yellow dot) = 1 point, #3 vote (red dot) = 0 points*

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Summary From Comment Cards Received):	# of comments	
HAZEL'S CREEK	24.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - keep natural / preserve wildlife	15.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - pedestrian / vehicular congestion concerns	6.0	
- people already walk dogs here on leash	2.0	
- ferris HS staff & students should be involved	1.0	
LINCOLN PARK	3.0	
- support lincoln park - most walkable and centrally located	3.0	
UNDERHILL PARK	5.0	
- oppose underhill - too steep & unusable	2.0	
- oppose underhill - inaccessible for mobility impaired	1.0	
- Underhill is better option than Hazel's Creel	1.0	
- oppose underhill - no reason cited	1.0	
ALL SITES / GENERAL COMMENTS	5.0	
- prefer fewer, larger dog parks	1.0	
- oppose idea of large, regional dog park. Prefer smaller park	1.0	
- prefer 2 smaller dog parks instead of 1 larger	1.0	
- oppose dog parks in general	1.0	
- oppose all sites - keep natural / preserve wildlife	1.0	



SD P 7-22 pm



**OPEN HOUSE #2 – SOUTHGATE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL  
OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION  
ATTENDENCE ROSTER**

Talbott Event Center, NE Washington ESD 101 – 4202 S. Regal St. Spokane, WA 99223

October 12, 2022 – 7:00pm

**CITY OF SPOKANE  
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## Option A Underhill Park

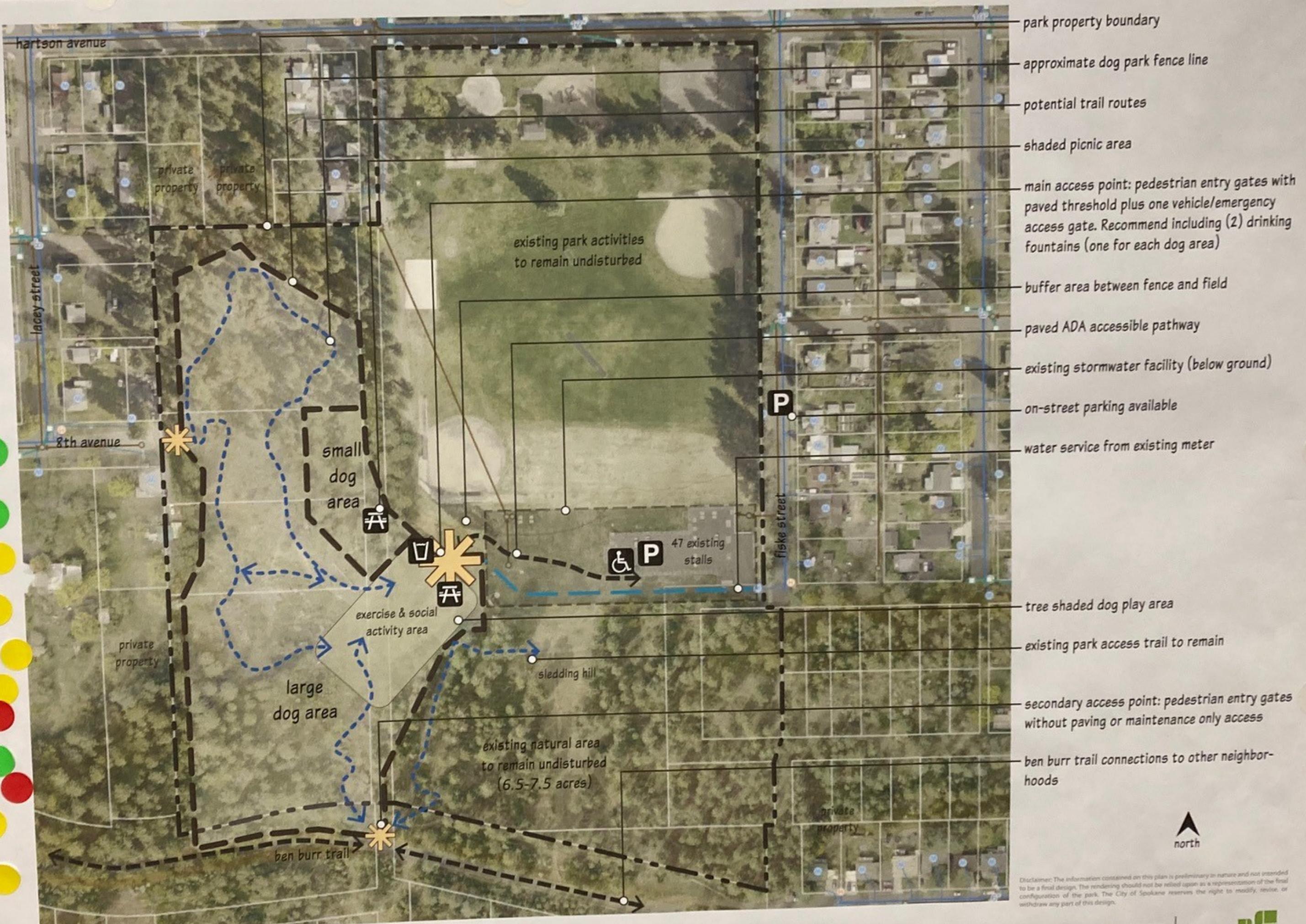
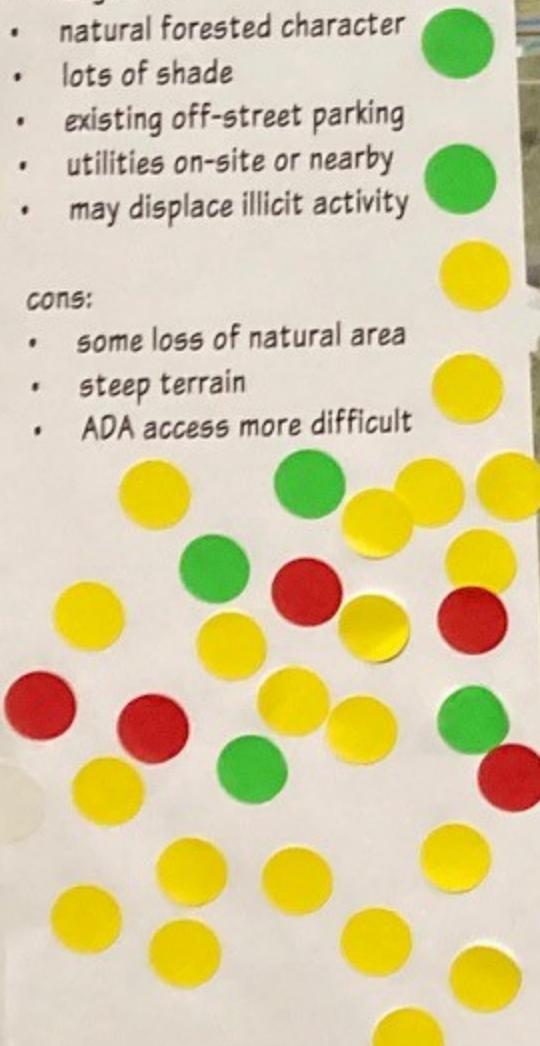
### site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 5.19  
 district 2 rank: #1  
 citywide rank: #4

total park area: 26 acres  
 total dog park area: 6.0 - 7.5 acres  
 large dog area size: 5.0 - 6.5 acres  
 small dog area size: 0.8 - 1.0 acres

- pros:
- large size
  - natural forested character
  - lots of shade
  - existing off-street parking
  - utilities on-site or nearby
  - may displace illicit activity

- cons:
- some loss of natural area
  - steep terrain
  - ADA access more difficult



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## Option B Lincoln Park

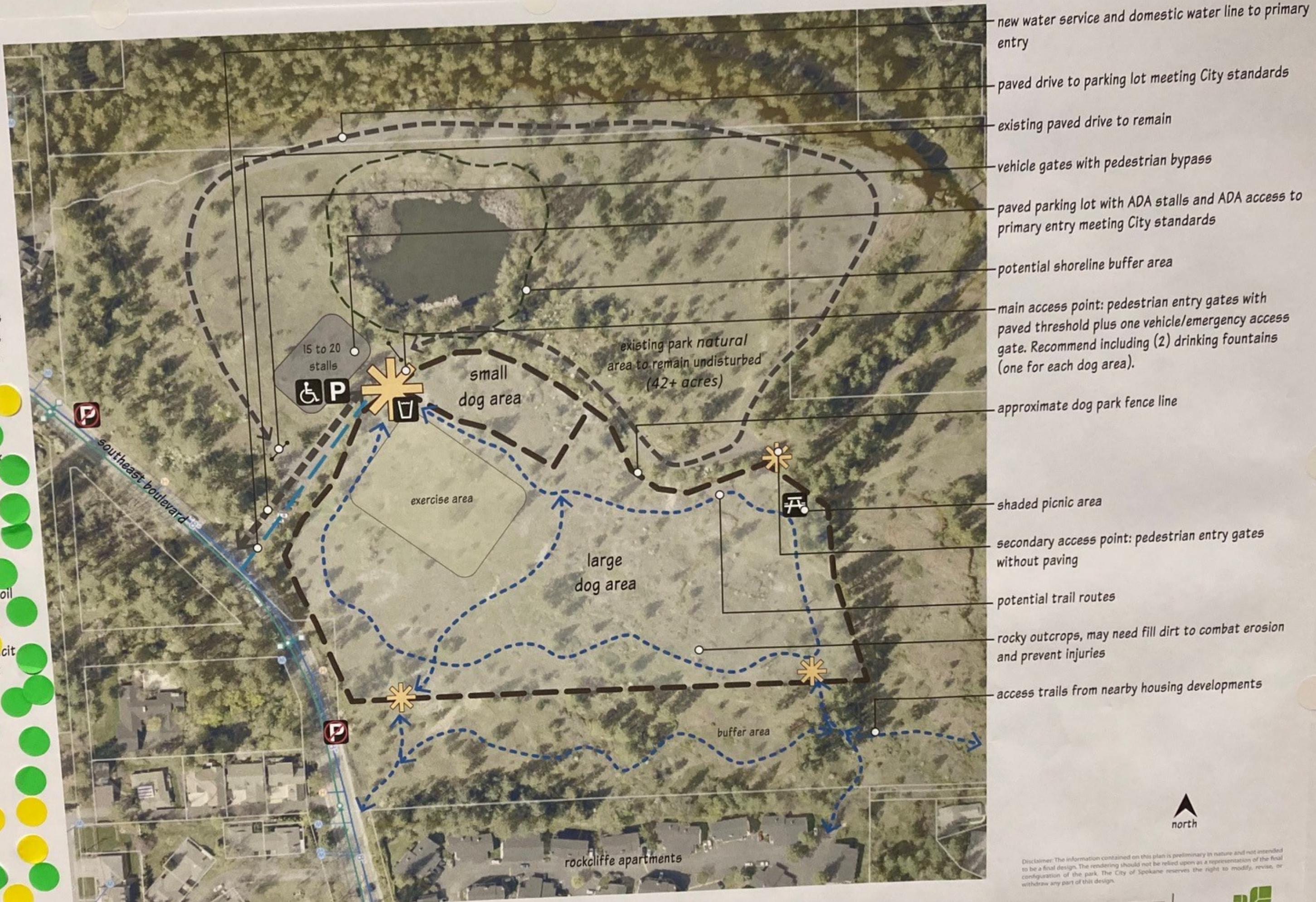
### site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 4.40  
district 2 rank: #2  
citywide rank: #6

total park area: 58 acres  
total dog park area: 7.0 - 8.0 acres  
large dog area size: 6.5 - 7.0 acres  
small dog area size: 0.7 - 1.0 acres

- pros:**
- large open site
  - flat terrain
  - minimal impact on other park uses
  - may enhance neighborhood connectivity
  - natural character

- cons:**
- surface rock and shallow soil
  - no parking available
  - no existing utilities
  - potential for increased activity in new parking lot



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## Option C Hazel's Creek Stormwater Facility

### site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 3.92

district 2 rank: #3

citywide rank: #7

total facility area:

total dog park area: 3.5 - 4.25 acres

large dog area size: 2.5 - 3.0 acres

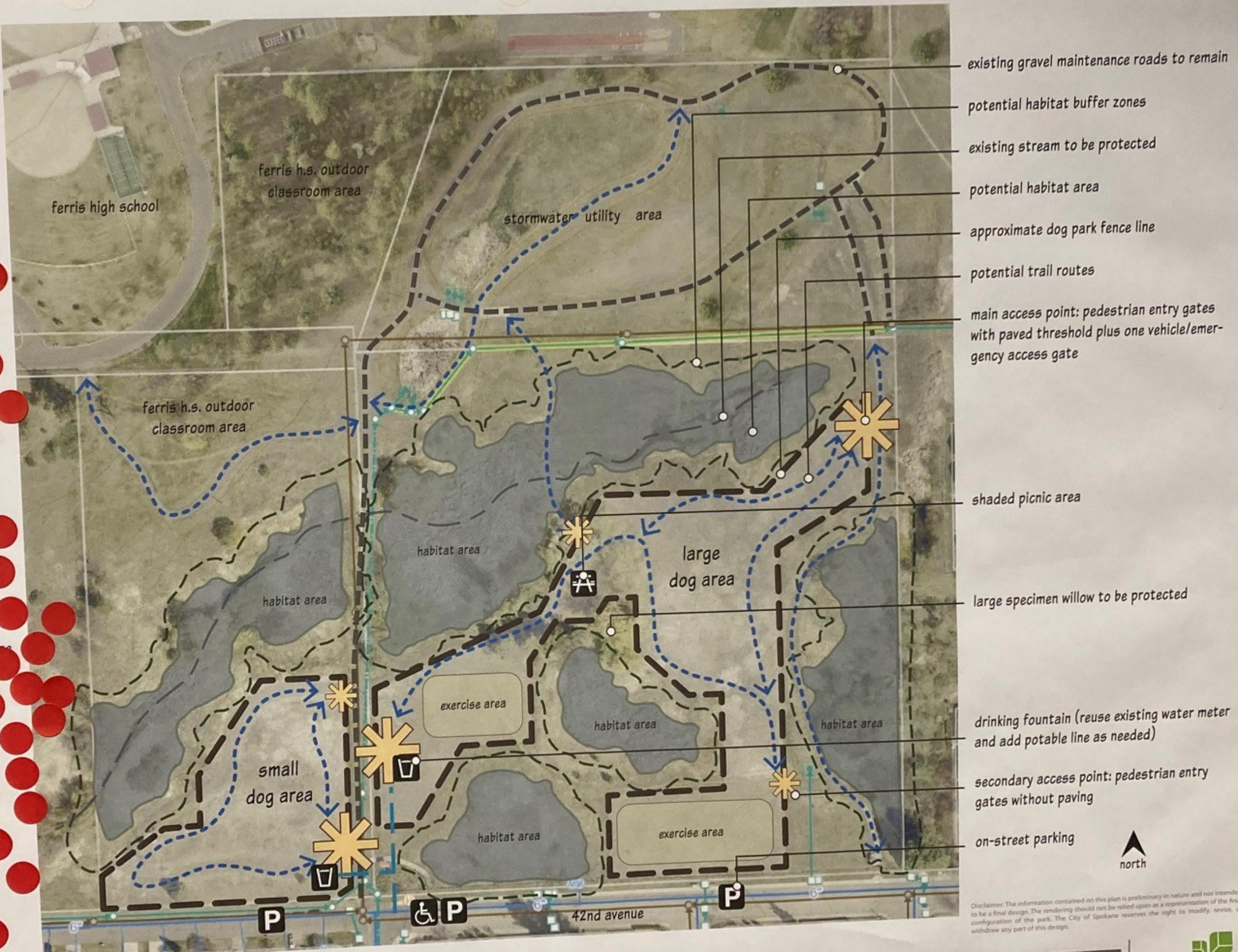
small dog area size: 1.0 - 1.25 acres

#### pros:

- flat site access
- closest site to existing dog park
- preserves natural habitat
- utilities available or nearby
- on street parking available

#### cons:

- smaller total area
- wet conditions into summer months
- no off street parking
- potential for wetland buffers to increase in size further shrinking available dog park area.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Susan Bierig

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

40

1

2

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Hazel's Creek is a wonderful site - vegetation, trees + wildlife.  
From the very young to the very old walk the trails. Big dogs,  
little dogs, green dog, red dogs + yellow dogs, - wet or leaves  
It is a tough decision. I don't envy you!



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Middle Well

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

ND

ND

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I have  
200 signatures  
against having the  
park @ Underhill



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: John ORR

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

Red  
Green  
Yellow

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Real Bad Idea - Red is very environmental  
Sensitive is a terrible site for a Dog Park /  
let People ~~the~~ take their Dog  
out in the countryside /

THX  
509-953-6206



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME

Sherrey Schmidt 3214 E Marie ct.

ANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

HAZEL'S CREEK NO

-NO-

- LINCOLN PARK Maybe

- UNDERHILL PARK Yes

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

To us Hazel will impact the land that is sentence to begin with, see creek

the wetlands - Deer live there - Children walk through there  
to go home from Ferris - dams, and chase -

Ferris use it for cross country and biology classes.

How are you going to monitor the people in a dog park  
that don't mange their unruly dogs -  
What about all the noise and cars.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Lynda McPhree

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK

(3)

- LINCOLN PARK

(1)

- UNDERHILL PARK

(2)

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

③ Hazel has too much wild life, Water areas and Tress Walker  
② Underhill is too rough  
③ Lincoln is more central accessible and useable



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## FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Kim Haney

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

- HAZEL'S CREEK
  - LINCOLN PARK
  - UNDERHILL PARK

## SITE RANKING

NO  
1  
2

**ADDITIONAL INPUT** (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION	
YOUR NAME:	DAVE VOGEL
RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	3
- LINCOLN PARK	1
- UNDERHILL PARK	2
ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of): <i>Lincoln by far the best choice. It has room, is larger, lots of natural area. Best, first choice.</i>	



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

*David Delong*

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	XO!
- LINCOLN PARK	1
- UNDERHILL PARK	?? 2

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

*underhill is too steep. 1/3 of the space is unusable.  
Lincoln park is the clear best choice : loc, no neighbors, big.  
Hazel ? cleared up - just not my goal.*

*Thanks to all for your great work!*



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Dolores Kueffler

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

3  
1  
2

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

- Hazel Creek should be eliminated for cutting up natural area.
- Preference for fewer parks rather than small. Easy to walk dogs in any area on lease — missing running space. (But also needs to be walkable for dog owners — not steep hills)



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: FRED LIME

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	3
- LINCOLN PARK	1
- UNDERHILL PARK	2

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

WET LAND, KIDS WALKING FROM 3 SCHOOLS, NO PARKING LOT

HAZEL CREEK IS NOT A GOOD CHOICE!



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION	
YOUR NAME:	Kolby & Jamie Jaro
RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HAZEL'S CREEK - LINCOLN PARK - UNDERHILL PARK	Please NO dog Park

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

It is irresponsible to build in an areas that school children walk to & from. There 3 schools Ferris, Adams, Chase. Also the area is to small to host traffic, dogs, school children & residents  
Please remove off your plan elsewhere -



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION	
YOUR NAME: KRISZTIAN MAGORI	
RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	
- LINCOLN PARK	
- UNDERHILL PARK	
ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):  HAZEL'S CREEK SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE LIST OF POTENTIAL SITES IT IS UNSUITABLE FOR SEVERAL REASONS. IT WOULD BE A BETRAYAL OF THE ORIGINAL PROMISE THE CITY MADE TO THE FAMILY. THE DOG PARK LAND USE IS ALSO INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE EXISTING LAND USES AND IT WOULD DISRUPT THE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES PROVIDED BY THIS SITE. CURRENT BUFFERS ARE PREDICATED WITH HISTORICAL FLOODING, AND WITH INCREASED PRECIPITATION VARIATION WITH CLIMATE CHANGE, THE FLOODPLAIN IN THE SPRING COULD EASILY EXTEND INTO THE DOG PARK, CONTAMINATING THE CREEK WITH EXCESS NUTRIENTS, LEADING TO EUTROPHICATION. I WOULD NOT PROVIDE A PERMIT FOR THIS LAND USE.	



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## FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Ni Henderson

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
No HAZEL'S CREEK	1
1 LINCOLN PARK	2
2 UNDERHILL PARK	3

**ADDITIONAL INPUT** (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Sally Saad

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

NO  
Maybe but parking hard  
NO

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Do not like idea of large dog park if attracting people from all over. Just should be neighborhood so smaller areas & more of them. I will never take my dog to large one like by Mullan Elem - did and was scary w/ mean dogs - owners not watching or cleaning up. Too chaotic.

Spokane has great areas to walk unleashed. Safer for my dog.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	3
- LINCOLN PARK	2
- UNDERHILL PARK	1

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Hazel's Creek is too small, has no parking, and  
should not be considered.

Underhill is a better option.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

R. L. Zimmerman

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

3

2

1

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

How far are owners willing to travel to Dog Park?  
More centrally located for entire District to appear to  
2 smaller Dog Parks instead of 17 new



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: MaryBeth ShewDad

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	3 3 - Not good at all
- LINCOLN PARK	1
- UNDERHILL PARK	2

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Hazel's Creek should be preserved as family intended for conservation land. Would be very disrupting to land and also add traffic concerns to area right next to multiple homes without an adequate buffer zone



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## FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Cadence Lay

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

3  
1  
2

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

As a Ferris Highschool student, it was disturbing to me that Hazel's creek was a proposed option. Not only is it one of the few protected areas in suburban spokane, it is also a vital <sup>(storm water retenion!!!)</sup> educational ~~and~~ site. Secondly, students from both ferris <sup>3</sup> Adams use the creek and its paths as a cut through to avoid surrounding traffic. While I understand the community desire for a dog park, Hazel's creek is both technically and spiritually a nightmare location for the greater community. Protect Hazel <sup>3</sup> her legacy.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Joe Christensen

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK 3	3
- LINCOLN PARK	
- UNDERHILL PARK	

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Nick did a great job speaking tonight. Please consider  
immediate neighborhood impact. Folks own homes based on a  
~~Park~~ change of use that you are now changing.

Hazel Creek would have a severe change of use. I  
could not get that approved by the city and frankly  
I don't think the Parks department should either



12-Oct-22

FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Steve Saad

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

3  
1  
2

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Hazel's Creek should be taken off the list. The city agreed to keep it as it was set up originally with Hazel's family - that needs to be honored. Additionally, lots of children use it daily to get to + from school.  
Personally, I don't think we need any dog parks at all - they're messy, smelly, + noisy. And I'm a dog owner!



12-Oct-22

FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: *Bethany Chisholm*

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

*3  
1  
2*

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

*I am a student at Ferris High School and I have the privilege of taking AP Environmental Science. Every school day, we go outside to Hazel's creek, where we run experiments, make observations, and immerse ourselves in nature and further our education. I am concerned about the disruption that a dog park would cause to the education of Ferris students in APES, Applied Field sciences, & other classes. Additionally, in these classes, I have learned about the amazing biodiversity in the many environments of Hazel's Creek. After viewing today's dog park plan, I can confidently say that it does not adequately address the environmental and educational concerns of myself and many other Ferris students.*



12-Oct-22

FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

X McDonald

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Hazel's Creek should be maintained as a  
natural wetland and place for birds.  
Don't have strong feelings about other  
areas.

Hazel's Creek is already a place where  
many folks bring their dogs on leash.



12-Oct-22

FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION	
YOUR NAME:	
RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	
- LINCOLN PARK	
- UNDERHILL PARK	
ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):	
<p>Hazels creek problems -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. lack parking</li><li>2. Speed officers</li><li>3. Kids going thru to school</li><li>4. Plan ruining to character of the park</li><li>5. dogs on leash use nos</li></ul>	



12-Oct-22

FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Jim Ilback

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK	3	3
- LINCOLN PARK	1	1
- UNDERHILL PARK	2	2

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Hazel's Creek is a sensitive wetlands area that MUST be preserved.  
There is such limited street parking there + overflow will cripple the surrounding residential areas.  
The children that use this area + the schools' classes would all be stopped.  
There are no facilities available (water, sewer, electricity).  
It is way too small of an area to have a number of large dogs.  
Traffic on 42<sup>nd</sup> would be crippling - it was meant to be a residential area, not a major thorough fare.  
The wild life at Hazel's Creek is gorgeous & needs to be preserved.  
The wetlands there must be preserved to keep that area so beautiful.  
The original deed demands the use guarantee the wetland use so don't violate that.



12-Oct-22

FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: *Rudy Bierig*

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING
3
1
2

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

*HAZEL'S CREEK IS A TRUE GEM!  
IT SHOULDN'T BE BROKEN UP INTO PIECES.*

*IT'S AMAZING THAT FERRIS STUDENTS AND STAFF  
FROM ADAMS HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED!*

*WE WALK THERE EVERY WEEK ALL YEAR LONG.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rudy". It is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small loop at the beginning.



12-Oct-22

FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Rick Sherwood

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

- HAZEL'S CREEK

no Dog Park

- LINCOLN PARK

- UNDERHILL PARK

SITE RANKING

3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Fancily who sold it said it was never intended for this purpose.

not big enough buffers

/10 parking - 42nd speed bump

Eliminates trail walking for neighbors

Destroys cx trails for ferris

Destroys trees Ferris planted



12-Oct-22

FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Kevin Marcell

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

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ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Summer Beers <summer.beers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2022 12:19 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Cc:** Nancy Mitchell  
**Subject:** Fwd: HAZEL CREEK PARK - PROPOSAL FOR "OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK"

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Hi Nick,

A message from a Southgate resident regarding the placement of a South Hill Dog Park is included for your review below. Thank you for collecting input from neighbors to determine the final location of new dog parks.

Thanks,  
Summer Beers  
Southgate Neighborhood Council

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Nancy Mitchell** <[mitchellnancy836@gmail.com](mailto:mitchellnancy836@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Sun, Oct 9, 2022 at 2:11 PM  
**Subject:** Re: HAZEL CREEK PARK - PROPOSAL FOR "OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK"  
**To:** Summer Beers <[summer.beers@gmail.com](mailto:summer.beers@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Nancy Mitchell <[mitchellnancy836@gmail.com](mailto:mitchellnancy836@gmail.com)>

Thank you so much for responding so quickly! I'm not too keen on computers, but can cut and paste the document! Thank you so much for forwarding to Spokane City!

### HAZEL CREEK

I have lived across the street from Hazel Creek for the past 13 years. When I first moved here, Hazel Creek was a radiant, vibrant natural wetland area. It was teaming with wild life. My grandchildren and I went frequently across the street for "nature walks and treasure hunts."

Time moves on. Apparently, the City of Spokane felt Hazel Creek "needed a new look." The landscape was altered with "sparkling colored different rocks, all in a row" as well as new pathways. Well, just like a facelift, if it's not "kept up with", it will sag, bag and the youthful, artificial appearance quickly fades.

Dead and dying trees are the sad carcasses littering the landscape now. Also, Hazel Creek serves as a "dumping ground" of all sorts of carnage, including dumping large amounts of moved earth/rocks from construction sites. The homeless love the area! They contribute their litter and filth as well! Such a safe place a grandma would want to share with her grandchildren.....NOT!

Oh and the neighborhood kiddies! How they love to vandalize! Graffiti all over, including on ancient trees. Garbage and litter appear to be an appropriate addition, along with gathering together for "drunken, illegal drug, kumbaya parties"

along with dead, attacked and/or unattended, dying trees.

The little darlings are congregating together during Ferris break times. They go underneath into the bowels of the huge tunnel, across from my house (there is an iron railing there) and travel through said tunnel and emerge through the tunnel ending, next to the Maverik store/gas station. As to what goes on within those tunnels, I have no idea. Calling 911 and reporting the issue is "dead on arrival."

Oh and how lovely, what a "free for all" and a "big joke" for the "law abiding citizens walking their sweet little puppies!" The signs (requesting Spokane City ordinances of walking dogs with a leash be obeyed and asking to please pick up the dog's waste) go unabated!

The landscape, as well as the sidewalk is overt with sky high reeds.

Hmmmm? Can you say "fire hazard?" Now, let's shuffle "the Gambler's Cards" and see what the law abiding "Hazel Creek Neighbors" get to deal with!

The neighbors DO NOT WALK THEIR DOGS in this sad hell hole. There are many elderly people, like myself. We understand how unsafe it is for us, as well as our dogs. We all have similar stories in which the high, overhead reeds (in pathways as well) made it impossible to see the large, unleashed dogs (usually in groups of two or more people/dogs). The end result is quite terrifying and Hazel Creek is not safe for our dogs, or us.

The "non-resident" dog walkers are blatant with their "who's looking, who is monitoring, who cares," attitude.

On the other hand, this is not the case at Manito Park. The aforementioned Spokane City Dog Leash Ordinance is WELL SUPERVISED AND ADHERED TO. Perhaps assistance from SCRAPS helpful? NOT!! Can you imagine the terrifying ordeal my "80 something" friend must have endured when one of these "off leash dogs" ran after her? She can barely walk and enjoyed (not any longer) strolling through Hazel Creek. She always was charmed by the childhood memories Hazel Creek evoked.

Finally, it should be noted, not even the coyotes choose to call Hazel Creek their home. There is one faithful mama deer that still comes by with her young. Mostly, lots of feral cats, homeless, and sadly, lots of dead and/or dying trees. Spokane City has neglected Hazel Creek. I'm sure Hazel, who willed "Hazel Creek" to Spokane would turn in her grave to see what has become of her most generous gift of God's beauty.

Hazel Creek is in dire straits now. She needs help, we (Southgate Spokane) need to join together and take care of her, along with SPOKANE CITY. We do not need to stab her with the final death throes of "a lovely Spokane City official Dog Park."

I have several pictures of the death and destruction Hazel Creek has endured over the past years. I will not attach them now, as I want to get this to those who can help her ASAP.

Lastly, a dear friend, Pastor Larry, shared to our congregation, "If you see something you don't agree with, but don't do anything, means you are in agreement." Pastor Larry is in heaven now. I'm sure we'll knock this one out of the park and Hazel Creek will flourish once again.

## **Behr, Kris**

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**From:** Pam Deutschman <pamisue@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2022 3:22 PM  
**To:** Spokane Parks and Recreation; Spokane Parks and Recreation  
**Subject:** Please consider a non-park location for the new dog park

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to express my deep concern about the proposed development of a new dog park at Lincoln Park, Underhill Park or Hazel's Creek.

My opposition is not to the development of a dog park. I understand the need to create spaces where dog owners can bring their pets to run and socialize. **What I oppose is the development of some of Spokane's only remaining unspoiled wilderness areas for this purpose.**

My own neighborhood park area is a valued resource for our entire community; it's part of what makes living here so attractive. On a more personal note, Lincoln Park has been an important refuge for me in recent years, as I've struggled to recover from a series of medical challenges. In the early days of my healing, I could often only walk for a few minutes in the park, but even that short span of time spent in nature was critical to my slowly improving health.

To develop a dog park at Lincoln Park would alter the landscape considerably, taking up large amounts of currently open space, and bringing more traffic to the area, more noise and commotion; the park would no longer be the tranquil space that it is today.

I urge you to consider locations that would neither alter Spokane's natural landscape nor reduce the open spaces that play such a vital role in our community.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Pam Deutschman  
2722 E Mt Vernon Dr  
Spokane, WA 99223  
509-251-2548

**Behr, Kris**

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**From:** Martha Meeks <martha.l.lacy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2022 1:21 PM  
**To:** Spokane Parks and Recreation  
**Subject:** South Hill Dog Park

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Martha Lacy Meeks . Since moving back to Spokane in April, 2020 and getting a dog, I have gone to the South Hill dog Park everyday - it has been a wonderful place for our dog and an amazing place for me to walk and make new friends. I am sad to see it go but understand that the space is needed for the new school.

I want to thank you for listening to the community and making the effort to establish a new dog park. I took my dog to Lincoln Park today and found it to be absolutely beautiful. The space is amazing, I love the terrain and the location is central to the south hill. It is a perfect space to replace the existing dog park and I sincerely hope that this location will be selected. I was unable to attend the meeting, as my husband recently had surgery, but I wanted to be sure and voice my support for Lincoln Park.

I grew up in Spokane and am so thankful to be back. The parks are truly a special part of Spokane and I applaud the wonderful work that you are doing.

With Sincere Thanks  
Martha Lacy Meeks  
(206)484-0819

PS Please forward this email to the individual that is in charge of making the decision on the South Hill Dog Park.

THANK YOU



19-Oct-22

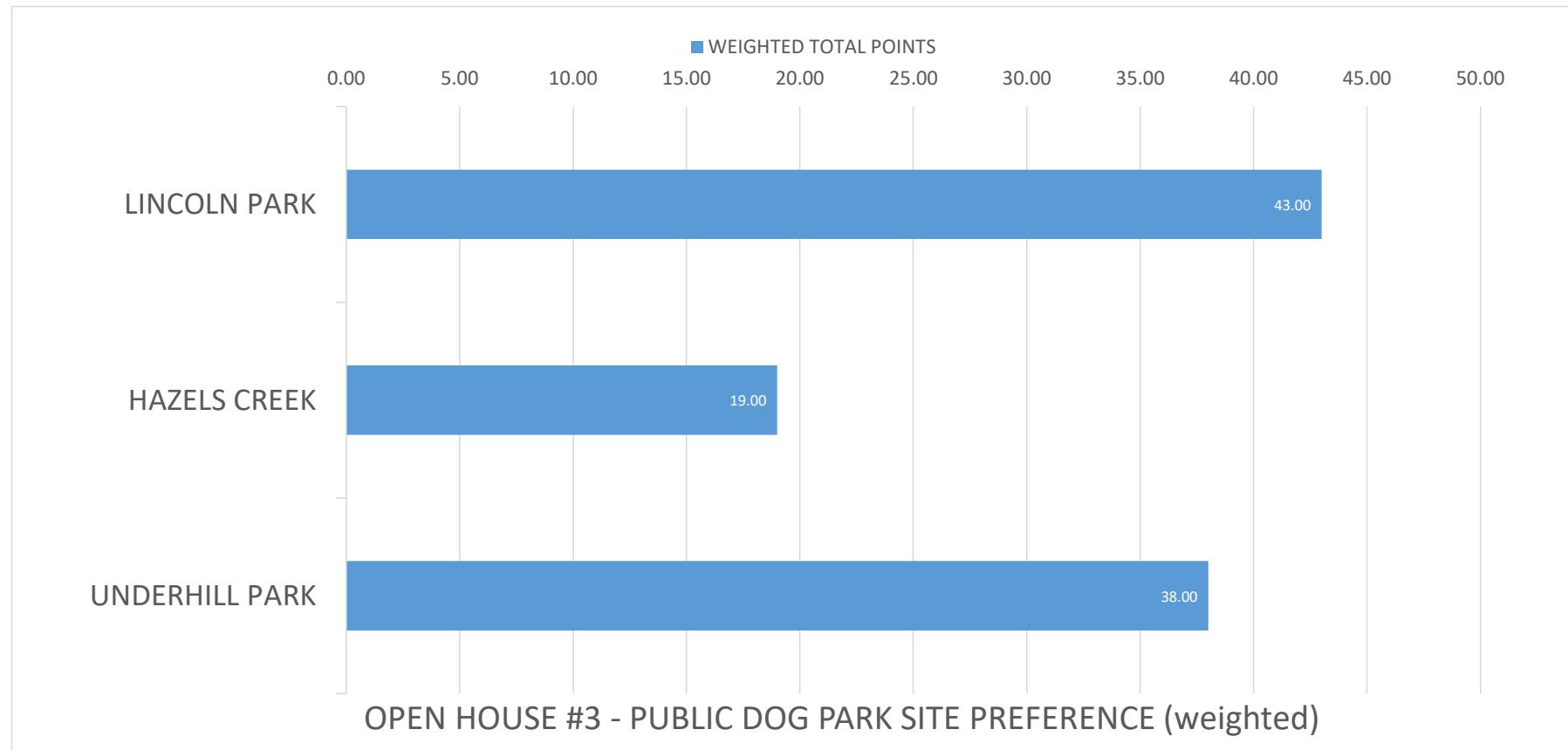
## S. HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION - OPEN HOUSE #3 - LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL - 2022.10.18

NOTES: 'Zoom' web conference meeting held as a portion of Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Meeting. Held from 6:00-7:45pm, 49 citizens signed-in as attendees. City presentation followed by Q&A & public voting. Includes email 'absentee' (email) voting by 4 individuals.

COMMUNITY PREFERENCE FOR DOG PARK LOCATION <i>#1 Most Preferred Site, #2 Somewhat Acceptable Site, #3 Oppose Site</i>		#1 votes (green dot)	#2 votes (yellow dot)	#3 votes (red dot)	Weighted Total
1 LINCOLN PARK		12.00	10.00	2.00	46.00
2 HAZEL'S CREEK		6.00	1.00	6.00	19.00
3 UNDERHILL PARK		9.00	12.00	1.00	39.00

*Weighted total calculation note: #1 vote (red dot) = 3 points, #2 vote (yellow dot) = 1 point, #3 vote (red dot) = 0 points*

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Summary From Comment Cards Received):	# of comments	
HAZEL'S CREEK	31.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - keep natural / preserve wildlife	26.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - dog park disrupts other pedestrian uses	2.0	
- support hazel's creek as dog park - no reason cited	1.0	
- support hazel's creek as dog park - most walkable	1.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - pedestrian / vehicular congestion concerns	1.0	
LINCOLN PARK	26.0	
- oppose lincoln park - keep natural / preserve wildlife	18.0	
- oppose dog park - displaces other passive uses	3.0	
- consider reducing area of dog park to preserve more natural land	1.0	
- ensure ada walking routes @ lincoln	1.0	
- concerned about traffic & parking	2.0	
- There's a coyote pack in eastern meadow of park	1.0	
UNDERHILL PARK	6.0	
- oppose underhill - keep natural / preserve wildlife	6.0	
ALL SITES / GENERAL COMMENTS	20.0	
- support dog parks in general	4.0	
- oppose dog parks in general	4.0	
- oppose all sites - keep natural / preserve wildlife	3.0	
- prefer several smaller dog parks instead of 1 larger	2.0	
- place dog park in existing green / developed area. Preserve natural land	2.0	
- facilitating change is hard, thank you	1.0	
- any dog park needs utilities (water / restrooms)	1.0	
- recommend purchasing land / partnering with county (closer to original site)	1.0	
- oppose dog parks - noise pollution	1.0	
- prefer other site (manito, thornton murphy, glenrose corner)	1.0	





## OPEN HOUSE #3 – LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

### ATTENDENCE ROSTER

Online 'Zoom' Web conference Meeting

October 18, 2022 – 6:00pm



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Hazel	N/A	N/A
Samuel & Martha Goeken / Samuel	N/A	N/A
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J&A Shasky	N/A	N/A
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James Plourde	N/A	N/A



## OPEN HOUSE #3 – LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

### ATTENDENCE ROSTER

Online 'Zoom' Web conference Meeting

October 18, 2022 – 6:00pm

CITY OF SPOKANE  
PARKS AND RECREATION  
808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.  
Spokane, Washington  
99201



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Phil Zumbro	N/A	N/A
Debbie	N/A	N/A
Laura Leong	N/A	N/A

# Official South Hill Dog Park Preferences

Poll | 4 questions | 28 of 40 (70%) participated

1. Which of the 3 proposed locations is your first (#1) preference for an official south hill dog park? (pick one) (Single Choice) \*

28/28 (100%) answered



# Official South Hill Dog Park Preferences

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2. Which of the 3 proposed locations is your second (#2) preference for an official south hill dog park? (pick one) (Single Choice) \*

28/28 (100%) answered



# Official South Hill Dog Park Preferences

Poll | 4 questions | 28 of 40 (70%) participated

3. •Which of the 3 proposed locations is your third (#3) preference for an official south hill dog park? (pick one) (Single Choice) \*

28/28 (100%) answered

Hazel's Creek (2/28) 7%

Lincoln Park (2/28) 7%

Underhill Park (0/28) 0%

None of the Above (24/28) 86%

# Official South Hill Dog Park Preferences

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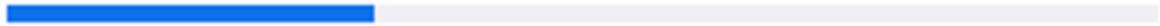
4. •Do you believe any of the 3 proposed locations is unsuitable for a dog park? (select all that apply) (Multiple Choice) \*

28/28 (100%) answered

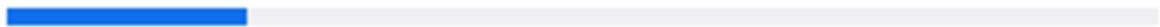
Hazel's Creek (21/28) 75%



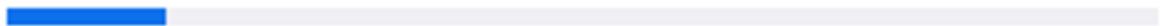
Lincoln Park (9/28) 32%



Underhill Park (6/28) 21%



All are suitable for development as a dog park (4/28) 14%



## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Steve Trefts <swtrefts@nwtrustee.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2022 7:57 AM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Opposition to a dog park in Lincoln Park

### **[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Dear Mr Hamad,

This Spring my wife and I joined our daughter and three children on an evening picnic at Lincoln Park. The wildflowers were a profusion of yellow, blues and pink. The stately trees bordered the pond and rivulets that were the home of ducks and geese. It was an oasis amidst the busy city and our stressful lives. I was shocked to hear that the city is contemplating destroying this solitude for a dog park. As a former board member of the Dishman Hills Conservancy, I propose an alternative to achieve a dog park with a public private partnership as is being done in the Valley. If dog owners want a park have them raise the money and partner with the city to find a suitable location that would not destroy the natural beauty of Lincoln Park.

Like the Dishman Hills, Lincoln Park is in the City yet offers natural beauty and respite. Like the Dishman Hills it serves as a classroom for children to learn about nature and conservation. Spokane is blessed with beautiful parks that are a valuable heritage originally created by our city fathers with the help of the Olmstead brothers. This proposal contradicts our heritage and their vision.

I respectfully request that you find another less obtrusive place to put a dog park—Spokane has many more options.

**Steve Trefts**

President



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## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Becky Finney <beckyjfinney@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:56 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** feedback about the proposed dog park for Upper Lincoln Park

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Dear Nick,

My name is Becky Finney, and I am a resident living near the Upper Lincoln park --we love the natural area Upper Lincoln provides for our whole family, and wanted to provide a bit of feedback in opposition to the proposed dog park.

My concerns are as follows:

- Upper Lincoln Park is heavily used by the community to plug into the natural habitat of Spokane. It is one of the few areas in the city to see a wide range of native plants, birds, flowers, and geology.
- A fenced off dog park will severely hinder us, and all future generations from experiencing the beauty and understanding of our natural habitat. The addition of parking and other structures will also significantly impact the landscape.
- A fenced off dog park will also inhibit the use of that land for other things in the future, such as nature programs for Franklin Elementary, Ferris High school, and Adams, Lincoln Heights elementary, and Grant elementary students.
- A dog park in Spokane is such a great idea, and the land that should be considered for it should be repurposed land that is currently an underutilized area in existing parks that would benefit from being returned to their natural habitat rather than just kept as grass.

We enjoy Upper Lincoln in all four seasons and it is one of the only areas in a relatively developed south hill to enjoy natural beauty like this year round. Please consider these responses, and I would be happy to engage further if that would be helpful for preservation of this area.

Thank you,

Becky

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Becky Finney, LMFT, M.Div

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**Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Juju Buzz <jzbusby@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:37 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Dog Park at Lincoln Park

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Greetings –

I am a citizen and homeowner in Spokane. The purpose of my email is to express my dismay at the prospect of creating a dog-park at Lincoln Park or for that matter any place in the city of Spokane at taxpayer expense.

Lincoln Park and every park in Spokane is available for dog owners to utilize if their animal is on leash. There is no need or reason to damage wildlife habitat for the purpose of providing a fenced area for dogs to run and cover wildlife habitat with more parking for dog owners to drive to. This is an expensive amenity that is unnecessary. It is also a financial burden that is unfair to foist upon people who are already struggling to get by and pay taxes as they exist. It is a benefit of value only to dog owners who utilize it.

This is an absolutely inappropriate use of tax payer dollars. We don't mind paying for things that are for the use and benefit of everyone. This is not one of those things will in fact take away from existing park area that is currently for the use and benefit of everyone.

Please reconsider this dog park proposal, don't destroy natural habitat for the use of a select few and their domesticated pets, and don't force taxpayers to pay for luxury amenities which are of no benefit to the general public.

Sincerely, June Busby  
2908 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Carol Landa-McVicker <cj\_99224@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 8:21 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Dog Park

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Couldnt make the meetings but want to say Lincoln Park already has many trails for walking dogs albeit on leash. Natural habitat will be destroyed by fencing in a dog park. Not here, please.

Carol McVicker  
2705 E Mount Vernon Dr.  
Spokane 99223

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Robin McLain <robin.mclain64@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 8:13 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Dog Park at Lincoln Park

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

I just saw this today about there being a proposed dog park being put in at Lincoln Park. We already have so much natural wildlife in this park that breaks up the residential areas all around it that it would be a shame to fence this in. This park has a lot of dogs being walked here, including mine, and having them on the leash is just fine. While I see the draw of an "off leash" park that is fenced in, please put it in a new park or an underused park, not one that is used by all types of people, kids, and dogs now.

Thank you,  
Robin McLain



## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 5:02 PM  
**To:** 'Malika Oudes'  
**Subject:** RE: dog park

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

From: Malika Oudes <moudesall@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 4:53 PM  
To: Hamad, Nicholas <nhamad@spokanecity.org>  
Subject: dog park

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I'm a resident for leaving as much natural habitat in our parks as possible. It sounds like the Lincoln Park location does not give people and dogs the space to interact that is needed. You can walk your dog anywhere, but a dog park should give owners and pets safety and freedom to enjoy meeting others. Destroying the natural habitat that includes rocky areas and wooded trails in the present park and creating parking etc, in other words redesigning/destroying natural habitat is foolish in a city this large and growing, and is not a great location.

Infact, the deal with the school district sounds fishy...some of us haven't forgotten the Albi Stadium vote - and how ugly the downtown core looks with the Podium and new stadium being built. Lincoln Park and Underhill Park are not good locations. Try again. Malika Oudes

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Jim p <ems\_gpa@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 11:57 AM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Lincoln Heights meeting

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Thank you for your presentation last night.

I was unable to vote (my fault).

My selections were:

#1 - Lincoln Park

#2 - Underhill Park

The Lincoln Park coyote Pack appears to be located in the Eastern meadow of the park, northwest of the Spokane Methodist Homes undeveloped property.

My Parking Lot item was that the Lincoln Park duck pond Loop signs says that the loop is 1/4th of a mile, but every measurement I can do shows that it's 1/2 mile. Minor thing. 😊

Thank you again for your time!

Jim Plourde

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** TERRI & BRIAN JONES <zoojones@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 2:57 PM  
**To:** Spokane Parks and Recreation; Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Siting of Official Dog Parks in District 2

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

I am writing regarding the siting of the official dog park for District 2. I understand that the upper portion of Lincoln Park is the current most likely candidate for this official dog park. I, and many of my neighbors, are significantly concerned about the intended harm that will occur to the habitat in this park. The stated intention would be to cut down trees and dig up natural area in order to build 15-20 new parking spots and to further harm the habitat by building facilities and fencing. The official presentation of this plan stated that one of the primary goals when choosing a site for the dog park was to protect habitat.

There is a coyote family group that lives in the park. There are also a significant number of porcupines, raccoons, skunks, rare wildflowers and much other wildlife that resides in the park. Each year, ducks have nests in the proposed fenced in area and then march their newly hatched ducklings into the pond. Quail and pheasant also reside in this area and the predator animals use this area for hunting. The damage to the habitat would be significant.

The other significant concern with this plan is that the park has been accessible to many different users for decades. There are hikers, families, bikers, dog walkers (who are happy to leave their dogs leashed) of all ages who use this park. This plan will diminish the use for all of these users so as to provide a designated dog park for those who need or want a designated dog park.

I would also wish to state that the other two proposed dog parks would be harmful to the habitat of those parks and to the many who use those parks. It does not appear that this planning process was directed at most park users but to the few who need a designated dog park.

There are other options that would do less harm to habitat. Thornton Murphy Park has an undeveloped area that does not provide homes to a significant variety of wildlife. This park has parking and facilities already. Manito Park has an unofficial dog park directly to the east of Duncan Gardens that is currently a grassy area. This area could be allowed to return to a natural state and could easily be fenced without further harm to habitat. There is parking and facilities near this already heavily used dog park area. There does not appear to be any stated reason why there could not be a number of smaller dog parks other than the desire to have one that is larger.

I would hope that the Park Board would realize that the process of planning for a dog park in District 2 is not completed. Please do not harm the many non-dog park users for the limited numbers who need a designated dog park. Please do not harm the habitat that still exists within Spokane. This habitat is part of what makes Spokane unique and special.

Thank you for your consideration.

Terri Jones

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10-17-2022

Spokane Park Board  
City Council Chambers  
808 W Spokane Falls Blvd  
Spokane, Wa 99201

RE: Dog Park

Spokane Park Board,

I am unable to attend the meetings concerning the choice of where to locate the dog park but wish to voice my concern and vote AGAINST choosing Hazels Creek for the park for the following reasons:

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- 2) It is an important storm water facility that can not be replaced.
- 3) it is used by Ferris High School for classes and sports events.
- 4) Because of increased traffic it would pose a safety concern for many students, both high school and grade school, who walk to school by way of the refuge.
- 5) There is inadequate parking
- 6) Safety concerns for the surrounding neighborhoods due to increased traffic, noises and odors.

There are so few natural habitats left in our city, please do not take this one away.

Sincerely

Donna B. Reiford  
3515 E Carroll Ln.  
Spokane, WA  
99223

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Spokane, Wa 99201

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Sincerely,



Marie Quackenbush  
3517 E Carroll Ln  
Spokane, Wa 99223  
509-919-4147

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2308 South Forest Estates Drive  
Spokane, WA 99223  
October 16, 2022

Mr. Garrett H. Jones  
Spokane Parks Director  
City Hall, Spokane WA

Dear Mr. Jones,

PLEASE—no dog park in the natural areas of Lincoln Park. The natural areas are city (urban) treasures. Every spring, native wildflowers come again- so special: sagebrush buttercups, grass widows, phlox, shooting stars, glacier lilies, yellow bells, camas, balsamroot, daisy flea bane, yarrow, onion, lupin, prairie smoke, coral bells and more that I am sure I have not seen. The native grasses are rebounding.

Perhaps the west end of lower Lincoln Park could be considered. I've seen dogs being exercised and running obstacle trials there.

Please leave the natural areas just as they are- NATURAL.

Sincerely,



Judith Gammon

**Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Sally Phillips <phillips1948@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:05 AM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Southside dog park comments

[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]

**I attended the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council meeting yesterday, and participated in the poll.**

**First, thanks for the informative presentation, and for handling so many comments/questions.**

**A couple personal observations:**

**As a dog-lover, I see the need for a dog park. ANY of the three top choices would be a great addition to city parks. My husband and I take our dog to Lincoln Park and Hazels Creek regularly, also walk on the Ben Burr trail above Underhill weekly.**

**Lincoln Park:**

**My husband is concerned about the rocky surface in Lincoln Park. He walks with a cane, and occasionally uses the informal trails in Lincoln Park, but is slow and necessarily cautious navigating the rock outcroppings. I heard you mention something about conditioning the ground in some fashion, to make it comfortable for people with mobility issues. Please do keep that need in mind.**

**Currently, I see lots of dogs in Lincoln Park. They play fetch at lower Lincoln. At upper Lincoln, I often see dogs off-leash, usually away from the paved trail. I see some poop left uncollected, but it's not a big problem. I like that Lincoln has poop collection dispensers and garbage cans.**

**The small parking lot at upper Lincoln Park is frequently full.**

**I voted for Lincoln Park as my first choice, based on the large size of the park and the relatively small amount that would be surrendered to a dog park.**

**Hazels Creek:**

**Bear in mind that recent city planning calls for a trail crossing from north of 37th at Thor, by the east edge of Ferris playfields and into Hazels Creek. Part of that same plan is for some sort of enhanced crossing of Regal, to help people west of Hazels Creek get to the creek. Both of those improvements are, I believe, quite a while in the future, but will make Hazels Creek more accessible to walkers from east and north.**

**My husband and I take the dog to Hazels Creek weekly. We often see walkers on the trails there, and usually they are walking dogs. Sometimes the dogs are off-leash. I have occasionally noticed poop and trash - not much, though. I have seen Ferris kids walking thru Hazels Creek, perhaps connecting to the 44th Ave trail. I've also seen kids doing class work, but always at the northern edge, in the wooded area closest to Ferris grounds.**

**Parking always seems to be available on 42nd Ave.**

**There are lots of birds at Hazels Creek - water, seclusion, trees - and they don't seem to care about dogs.**

**My husband voted for Hazels Creek as his first choice, due to the ground being flatter and easier to walk on than at Lincoln Park.**

**I don't really expect to be using the dog park much, as our dog hardly cares about socializing with other dogs. He just loves to sniff around in these natural areas. My enthusiasm is really that I think other dogs and owners would love these areas, and the areas deserve more exposure. When I led a bike ride to the drainage areas close to us, one of the riders was amazed to find such a large public space that he knew nothing about.**

**Thanks for collecting comments**

**Sally Phillips 509-448-6271**

TO: Nick Hamad, Park Planning and Development Manager, City of Spokane  
Parks & Recreation  
Spokane Parks Board

CC: Breean Beggs, Spokane City Council President  
Lori Kinnear and Betsy Wilkerson, Spokane City Council, District 2

FROM: Mary Lou Johnson, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood

RE: Siting of Dog Park in District 2

DATE: October 19, 2022

I am writing to urge Spokane Parks to first, pause the process of siting a dog park in District 2 so that the process can address the concern of development in any natural Spokane park areas, especially Upper Lincoln Park, and second, to adequately address all of the reasons that the current proposed siting in any of the natural areas is very problematic, again with a focus on Upper Lincoln Park.

#### PUBLIC PROCESS OFF TRACK

Unfortunately, the public process for siting the dog park in District 2 seems to have gotten off track and needs to be righted. The Parks Department asked the whole community in 2021 about its priorities for our parks and I and over 3,600 other people answered that survey. The community repeatedly said that it prioritizes, by wide margins, our natural park areas. (See Note 1) The Survey also reported that as a community we needed more dog parks. I agree.

As a follow-up the Department, in August 2022, asked for more community comments about criteria for the dog parks. I love dogs but I don't have a dog currently so I did not respond to that survey. Some 1,158 people did respond and even this smaller number of people again repeated the importance of our natural lands and not wanting to diminish them, though they hoped for a dog park that had a natural feel. (See Note 2)

Up to this point the process was good, but then it got off track. It is my understanding that the desire for a "natural feel" for a dog park was interpreted to mean that only natural areas should be considered for dog park development.

If all available park land had been considered it is very possible that more suitable sites could have been identified. Among land excluded from consideration were any natural parks that are already designated as conservation or natural lands by City Park's classifications. My thought was that would have exempted Upper Lincoln Park.

I was shocked, and I expect others will be as well, to learn that the Parks Department and Board have not designated Upper Lincoln Park as a conservation area or natural lands. Because they have not acted to do so, Upper Lincoln Park is considered available to have a dog park carved out of it. And in fact it, and two other natural areas, are on the short list for development with a decision to be made as soon as Monday, October 24, 2022, by the Park Board.

I have lived in Spokane more than 40 years and the natural Upper Lincoln Park has been my go-to park, as a place to walk, run, to bike, to show out-of-town guests and to allow my children and grandchildren to explore nature. I cannot believe that the people who responded to the general park survey and the specific dog park survey, who so valued natural park areas, had this result in mind: that only our unique natural areas (whether designated as conservation or natural lands by City Park's classifications or not) could be considered for development.

I submit that the Parks Department needs to stop the process and return to consider all available land for siting of a dog park in District 2 and reflect in its process the high value the community places on our remaining natural areas. If a large regional area is not available, then the Department should reconsider the options of siting additional smaller dog parks throughout District 2.

#### PROBLEMS WITH CHOICE OF UPPER LINCOLN PARK

While I think all of the proposed short list of natural areas for development are problematic, I can speak best to concerns about Upper Lincoln Park.

Valuable and Unique Environmental Area. Upper Lincoln Park has an important natural ecosystem that provides habitat for wildlife (including coyotes), birds, and wildflowers. It provides views of the city and a place to enjoy the natural beauty of the landscape. If the dog park is sited as proposed it will damage this ecosystem and disrupt the continuity of this critical and unique habitat.

Detrimental Impact on Current Uses. The area carved out for the dog park is described by the Parks Department as flat, and open and has a natural character with surface rock and shallow soil. This actually makes my case. The area is in fact the most central and one of the best areas for hiking, bird watching, and appreciation of all the flora and fauna in the park. While the park has more acreage, these 7 plus acres are among the best. Current users of varying mobility levels who can walk in this area would be detrimentally impacted if these prime acres are developed and fenced off from general use. The proposed siting does not preserve important existing park uses.

Negative Impact on Traffic. Some people will walk to the park, but since it is designated as a regional large district 2 park, many will drive here. Vehicle access to Upper Lincoln Park is off of Southeast Blvd. This is an extremely busy and dangerous arterial already. Providing increased traffic access to the park from both directions would present a significant challenge.

Lack of Utilities- acknowledged as problem

No on-street or on-site parking – acknowledged as problem

For all these reasons, I do not think the proposed site in Upper Lincoln Park is a good location for the regional District 2 dog park. However, if the Park Board chooses to pursue this site, I suggest that another location in the park be considered that would minimize the detrimental impact on current use. I would also ask that the environmental studies and traffic studies be carefully conducted with serious consideration given to where else the dog park could be sited in District 2 with fewer detrimental impacts to the community, the environment, the users of the park and to traffic. We have an abundance of grassy, developed park land. Why not remove some grass and return the land to its natural state using natural grasses and plants? This will reduce water usage in compliance with our City's water conservation goals and the terrain would be "natural" but more walkable for a wider variety of users, and far more accessible.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

NOTE 1

Spokane Parks and Natural Land Survey, October 2021,  
<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/parksrec/master-plan/spokane-parks-master-plan-survey-report.pdf>. The Survey reported that:

- “Residents feel the primary purpose of parks and recreation facilities and programs is to connect people to nature, but also to nourish the economic and physical health of the community.”
- “Residents value conservation, preservation, and protection of natural lands over recreational use of these resources.”
- “Even when asked about park amenities (as opposed to a specific focus on natural lands) priority was given to more natural or sustainable use.” p. 3-4

Tables 13, 14 and 16 of this same report show how important conservation and protection of natural lands are to our residents. p. 19, 20 and 23.

## NOTE 2

2022 Dog Park Guidelines,

<https://static.spokanecity.org/documents/parks/dogs/dog-park-guidelines-draft-2022-10-10.pdf>.

“An interesting revelation was that a significant amount of people were concerned in preserving natural land. Although none of the properties analyzed are designated conservation or natural lands by City Parks classifications, many were worried that the undeveloped areas perceived as natural would be disturbed or diminished. Most would consider shrinking the size of the dog park if it meant minimizing or avoiding the impact on undeveloped lands.” p. 25

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## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Michael Nevins <mike.d.nevins@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 8:50 AM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas; Margaret Nevins  
**Subject:** our two votes

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Nick,

- please allow this email to serve as our two votes (*Mike & Margaret Nevins*) on the Spokane Dog Park site selection process
- (*and, if possible, do please confirm reception of these votes via email reply*)
- we attended the Hazel Creek meeting last week and voted that night
- but were unable to be on the entire Zoom meeting last night
- our two "red dot" votes remain strongly against the Hazel's Creek site, which we view as completely inappropriate
- our two "yellow dot" votes go to Lincoln
- and our two "green dot" votes go to Underhill
- however, we did hear that last night's vote had a new "#4 are any unsuitable for dog park?" question
- regarding that, our view is that, yes, dog parks are inappropriate in any developed residential city setting
- dawn-to-dusk sound pollution/nuisance is our primary concern
- Spokane County's SCRAPS program enforces against this barking issue, both with fines as well a criminal misdemeanor charges
- a dog park amps up this issue exponentially
- ...
- yes, we heard the comment that there are "no Goldilocks sites" for dog parks
- we agree...in the residential portion of the City
- but the funds the School District is providing for the loss of the old dog park could be utilized at an open-space County setting
- ...
- thank you, Nick, for all your efforts on this issue as well as your time in processing this, our two-votes email

Best regards,  
Mike & Margaret Nevins  
509.723.3982

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HAZEL CREEK RESIDENT OPINION

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I have been a resident of the Hazel Creek area for the past 13 years. In 2009, Hazel Creek was a radiant, vibrant natural wetland area. It was teaming with wild life. My grandchildren and I went frequently for "nature walks and treasure hunts."

Dead and dying trees are the sad carcasses littering the landscape now. Hazel Creek now serves as a "city dump" of all sorts of carnage, including dumping large amounts of moved earth/rocks from construction sites. The homeless love the area! They contribute litter and filth as well! Such a safe place a grandma would want to share with her grandchildren! NOT!

Oh and the neighborhood kiddies! There is a new and certainly NOT IMPROVED generation of youngsters! How they love to vandalize! Graffiti all over, including on ancient trees. Garbage and litter appear to be an appropriate addition, along with gathering together for "drunken, illegal drug, kumbaya parties" along with the dead, attacked and/or unattended, dying trees.

The Ferris High School "sweet little darlin's" congregate together during break times. They go underneath into the bowels of a hug tunnel, located at the end of 42nd's dead end street. There is an iron railing, looking down into Hazel Creek and water going into this large tunnel during spring. Sitings of these "little rascals" reveal they are entering the aforementioned tunnel and emerging at the other end, located next to the Maverik store/gas station on Regal. As to what goes on in this huge tunnel, neighbors have no idea. Calling 911 and reporting the issue is "dead on arrival."

Oh and how lovely, what a "free for all" and a "big joke" for the "law abiding citizens walking their sweet little puppies!" The signs (requesting Spokane City ordinance of walking dogs with a leash be obeyed, along with asking to please pick up their dog's waste) go unabated.

The landscape, as well as the sidewalk is overt with sky high reeds. Hmmm? Can you say "fire hazard?" Now, let's shuffle "the Gambler's Cards" and see what the law abiding "Hazel Creek Neighbors" get to deal with!

The NEIGHBORS DO NOT WALK THEIR DOGS IN THIS SAD HELL HOLE. There are many ELDERLY PEOPLE, like myself. We understand how unsafe it is for us, as well as our dogs. We all have similar stories in which the high, overhead reeds (in pathways as well) is impossible to see the unleashed dogs (usually in groups, as wolves, of two or more people/dogs) charging/running toward us....too late to avert the onslaught. The end result is quite terrifying and Hazel Creek is not safe for us or our dogs. It would appear the "NON-RESIDENT" dog walkers are blatant with their "who's looking, who is monitoring, who cares attitude." HAZEL CREEK IS NOT STRICTLY MONITORED, AS MANITO PARK. Is calling SCRAPS helpful? NOT!

I cannot imagine the ordeal my "80 something" friend must have endured when she shared "one of the off leash dogs" ran after her? She can barely walk and enjoyed (not any longer) strolling through Hazel Creek. She always was charmed by the childhood memories Hazel Creek evoked.

Hazel Creek is in dire straits now. Even the coyotes no longer call Hazel Creek home. There is one faithful mama deer that still comes by with her young. Mostly, lots of feral cats, homeless, and sadly, lots of dead and/or dying trees. Spokane City has blatantly neglected Hazel Creek's upkeep. We (volunteers/Southgate Community) need to join together with Spokane City and help her. I'm sure Hazel, who willed Hazel Creek to Spokane, would turn in her grave to see what has become of her most generous gift of God's beauty.

WE NEED A MIRACLE RESTORING HAZEL CREEK, NOT A DOG PARK. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING YOU DON'T AGREE WITH, BUT DON'T DO ANYTHING, IT MEANS YOU AGREE.

Nancy Mitchell 3116 E 42nd  
mitchellnancy836@gmail.com

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**From:** ATD <blueangelflame@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 6:13 PM  
**To:** Spokane Parks and Recreation <spokaneparks@spokanecity.org>; Jones, Garrett <gjones@spokanecity.org>; Kinnear, Lori <lkinnear@spokanecity.org>; Bingle, Jonathan <jbingle@spokanecity.org>  
**Subject:** dog park feedback, District 2, regarding Upper Lincoln Park

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Hi All, I just wanted to submit some feedback for the dog park for District 2. Not sure if I'm sending this information to the right person, so please forward for me to the right person/department.

This is RE: a potential dog park placement in upper Lincoln Park. For transparency, I live in the area and frequently drive and walk past there, and my friends have dogs.

- **RE: Southeast Blvd** being the access road to the park: Southeast Blvd can get pretty busy depending on the time of day (There are no through-streets east of there until you reach Ray). During a long segment of Southeast, there is no center turn lane. It's 1 lane in either direction, unless you get close to 29th where the lane splits. I don't know if this would be a problem, or how much, but I'm imagining that a southbound traveler would have to stop in the only lane of travel (and hold up traffic) until they can safely turn left?
- A dog park would definitely need a water source and shade to prevent dogs from overheating, upper Lincoln would need actual toilets to be installed for the humans, and currently there are approx 6 parking spots.
- My friends who forage in that area would appreciate if the majority of that acreage could be preserved as is (don't use all 7.5 acres) or better yet, please choose a site with better street situation

I ask you to please take these into consideration. Thank you for reading!

Thuy  
(South Hill resident, and dog friend)

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Lisa Trefts <lisatrefts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 9:30 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Proposed dog park in Lincoln Park

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Hi Nick,

Thank you so much for your presentation tonight at the Lincoln Heights community meeting. You gave such a great presentation, and so much helpful information.

I understand that the city is trying to balance the needs and desires of so many different groups of people. However, I would just like to give my input on the proposed dog park in Lincoln Park.

Lincoln Park is used by so many people in the neighborhood as a place to go and immerse in nature. It is a rare gem to have a park like Lincoln in the city limits, and I feel like the city does not have a full understanding of its importance. The proposed dog park would severely and permanently change the landscape of the natural habitat, and future generations would not be able to see such vibrant examples of native plants, birds and animals on the South Hill. While I appreciate that the survey of public land took into consideration the desired use of Spokane Parks, I cannot see how there was a voice given in that survey for conservation of places like Lincoln Park for future generations. When you consider scarring the landscape permanently with fences, pavement, parking lots, restrooms, lights, etc, I would like you to deeply think about future generations. There are plants and birds in that area that will never return if there are fences and dog areas. There are people in the neighborhood who will never have the chance to experience the wide open feeling of the top of Lincoln. They will not see the bitterroot flowers take bloom in the spring, mixed with the bachelor buttons, wild roses, oregon grape, and grasses. The birds that make their home in those trees will be severely distrubed from the changes to the land. There are 2 natural springs up there, wetlands, and a pond that host a huge amount of bio diversity.

When the city is taking into consideration transition lands like Lincoln into a different use, there has to be a wider consideration for all the uses for that land. If the city were to get really creative with land use, I believe that what we need is more education and access to places exactly like Lincoln Park. I would absolutely love to create a foundation to protect that land, to create outdoor programs for kids to study the plants and animals, to have Franklin Elementary school run their science up there, and Ferris High school conduct serious nature study experiments on that land. It is a wildly big decision to transition that land over to a dog park, when our city needs more than ever to understand the value of our natural habitat, and how we can steward our land better. When we look at the massive challenges our children are facing with a changing climate, we need MORE places like Lincoln to have kids plugged into nature rather than less. Kids need MORE wild environments to looks at birds and flowers, not less!

You stated that the survey participants wanted to make sure that dog parks did not take over existing park spaces, however there are so many green spaces that are completely underused and could be brought back to their natural habitat if we remove some of the grass that is not being used for sports. I believe that the city has completely overlooked some under-utilized parks. Also, while the city conducted a survey at one point in time, I believe that the long history of conservation efforts in Spokane also need to be considered when transitioning a natural habitat into a fenced off dog park.

Thank you so much for your time, and I look forward to continuing the conversation about preserving Lincoln Park for future generations.

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Kate Rau <migrations06@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 8:37 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Dog park

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Nick,

Thank you for your presentation tonight via zoom. I appreciate hearing how the Parks department landed on these three choices, although I don't agree with any of them. The impact to/loss of existing bird, plant, and wildlife habitat is too great. These may be the only wild/natural areas accessible to neighboring residents. Just because these areas aren't designated as protected, does not mean that a dog park is their best use. I strongly feel that Hazel's Creek should be left alone entirely as it is too small, consisting entirely of wildlife habitat.

Frankly, I oppose dog parks in general, and I say this as a life-long dog owner. I stopped going to them when it became obvious that they are disproportionately used by people who stand around smoking while ignoring their dogs, failing to pick after themselves or their pets.

Dog parks are rife with behavioral issues, dog and human. They're disgusting and unsafe in a myriad of ways.

If we must mitigate the loss of the South Hill dog park, I strongly urge you to consider creating several, smaller, off-leash dog areas, of 2-4 acres, spread across Region 2 (sections of Manito, Comstock, Thornton Murphy, Polly Judd, Hamblen, Riverfront etc.) For example, the lower portion of Lincoln Park is already developed, and it is flat, with excellent forest canopy. How many soccer fields must we have? Or, if the dog area was 2-3 acres, could we have both?

Furthermore, having *more* dog parks spread out through the region would make dog areas accessible to a greater number of people. Smaller dog parks would have less impact on the current parks' habitat and current uses, and require less parking. And finally, in smaller dog areas, owners could keep an eye on their dogs.

I appreciate having a chance to be heard.

Kate Rau

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Laurel Utzinger <laurelu3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 8:37 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** South hill dog park location

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Hi, I was apart of the neighborhood zoom meeting hosted today and I wanted to express some concerns that I still have, but missed the opportunity to speak up about them as someone who frequents these Hazel's Creek and Lincoln Park. An area that I have extreme concerns about is Hazel's Creek, I saw the poles and it also seem that it was unfavorable to have a dog park, but there are still other things to consider. The riparian areas of Hazel's Creek are protected by a buffer as to not disturb the natural habitat, but in terms of the other inhabitants that live in the area that is considered for the dog park need to be considered as well. The wetlands is not the only area affected. Also on the map you have a dedicated section of Hazel's Creek (Northern) that is for the storm water facility, but what happens when it rains and snow is melting and water is moving? All of the dog feces that drains downwards into the riparian area can be harmful as pet waste can add possibly environmentally unfriendly products into water and could add up to a larger problem for water quality. As someone who has gone to the south hill dog park often as a dog owner I can say that many people do not pick up after their pets and leave plastic around the park. It is naive to think that being a dog owner it automatically qualifies them to be responsible to pick up after themselves. I know there are a lot of things to consider about adding a dog park into another (not) park surrounded by nearly no other speck of natural land, but these parks and Hazel Creek is used for education purposes, habitation, and even the aesthetic for the neighborhood. Don't let these natural areas be diminished by others who don't need or respect the area as much as the natural inhabitants do.

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Theresa Bidowski <tbidowski@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 7:47 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Dog Parks

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We think dog parks not a good choice. Negative impact with unruly or untrained dogs off leashes.

Bill and Theresa Bidowski

Sent from my iPhone

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Joan Zimmer <zimjc1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 7:40 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Dog park

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Lincoln Park is definitely unsuitable for a dog park. There is so much habitat that the dog park would totally destroy that. Need to look at another location for this dog park not a established park. The dog does not care if he goes to a park.

Joan Zimmer

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Joe Christensen <joe@blazestreaming.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 7:34 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Great work at Dog Park meetings

**Importance:** Low

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

What a tough thing to facilitate change! Appreciate your skills in information delivery and helping folks off the ledge of change.

Joe Christensen  
mobile: 503-270-9697

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Jim Illback <subaru\_87@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 1:10 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Cc:** Spokane Parks and Recreation  
**Subject:** Re: Using Hazel's Creek as a dog park

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My #1 would be Lincoln Park, It has the space and the isolation demanded by a dog park. #2 would be Underhill Park, and not to ever be considered because it violates the city's original agreement with Hazel and many, many other reasons would be Hazel's Creek.

(Here's one more reason - it violates your agreement with the school district to not destroy any athletic field. Last month, Hazel's Creek was part of an all-Spokane Track & Field meet. According to your own rules, you will not remove a school's area that is used by the school for athletics.)

If someone gives you a gift with conditions and you violate those conditions, how likely will anyone else be to grant you a gift? And, more importantly, with a city that doesn't remain true to its word, how likely is that city to receive strong community support to make any dog park function better (like the one on 65th had, for example)? You need to be true to your word in order to gain and keep community support. Drop Hazel's Creek and keep it what it was intended to be.

Thanks for your time and response,  
Jim Illback

On Oct 18, 2022, at 12:30 PM, Hamad, Nicholas <[nhamad@spokanecity.org](mailto:nhamad@spokanecity.org)> wrote:

Good morning Jim,

Thank you for reaching out to us. We will ensure your correspondence is included with other public comment we receive and forwarded to the Park Board.

If I may, I'd like to provide you with some additional detail regarding the 3 proposed options for an official south hill dog park. Spokane Parks has been hosting public open houses regarding the 'top-3' potential locations for an official south hill dog park over the last week and plans to host (2) more this week as well. Please see the attached pdf file which illustrates the location and general concept for each of those sites. No decision has been made to select any of these locations yet, so if you could, please take a look and let me know which site you prefer as #1, #2, & #3. If you do not feel comfortable ranking all 3 sites that is okay, and if you feel one or more are not suitable at all please let me know that as well.

It is worth noting that in no way would we permit any dog park proposal to disturb the existing delineated wetlands located throughout the Hazel's Creek site. As required by law, we would **absolutely ensure that existing wetlands would be protected by fencing and 'buffered' from any dog park use. (You know that is absolutely impossible to do)**. We would also ensure any improvement meet all applicable codes and restrictions required by authorities having jurisdiction over that site. This said, a dog park would noticeably alter that location, and we certainly want to understand whether the public supports city parks pursuing any development there or not.

I did note your previously mentioned comment regarding Hazel's Creek and will note both the comment and record a vote against that site on your behalf should you not be interested in sharing any additional opinion on the other potential sites. Feel free to email with any follow up questions or comments.

Thank you for reaching out – I look forward to hearing back from you.

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Cathy Kuhn <cathykuhnpl72@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 9:06 AM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Re: South Hill Dog Park- vote for Hazels Creek location.

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Hi! My preference would be C, B, A in that order.

Thanks for your quick response,

**Cathy**

On Tue, Oct 18, 2022 at 9:03 AM Hamad, Nicholas <[nhamad@spokanecity.org](mailto:nhamad@spokanecity.org)> wrote:

Good morning Kathy,

Thank you for reaching out about the 3 proposed options for an official south hill dog park. Spokane Parks is indeed hosting public open houses regarding the 'top-3' potential locations for an official south hill dog park. Please see the attached pdf file which illustrates the location and general concept for each of those sites. If you could, please take a look and let me know which site you prefer as #1, #2, & #3. If you do not feel comfortable ranking all 3 that is okay, and if you feel one or more are not suitable at all please let me know that as well.

FYI - I did see you previously mentioned Hazel's Creek and will count a vote toward that site on your behalf should you not be interested in sharing an opinion on the other potential sites. Feel free to email with any follow up questions or comments.

Thank you for reaching out!

-nick



**Nick Hamad, PLA | Park Planning and Development Manager | City of Spokane Parks & Recreation**

Desk: 509.363.5452 | Cell: 509.724.3639 | [SpokaneParks.org](http://SpokaneParks.org)

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**From:** [Cathy Kuhn](#)  
**To:** [Spokane Parks and Recreation](#)  
**Subject:** South Hill Dog Park- vote for Hazels Creek location.  
**Date:** Tuesday, October 18, 2022 7:29:45 AM

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Hello,

I am unable to attend the open houses, is there a vote for the 3 dog parks on line? If not, my vote is for Hazel's Creek, assuming some of the land is retained for the natural use.

Thanks very much,  
Cathy Kuhn  
1908 E. South Ridge Dr, 99223

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Carol Tomsic <carol\_tomsic@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 17, 2022 8:10 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas; Jones, Garrett  
**Subject:** Re: Dog Park

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Hi Nick and Garrett

I received this comment tonight.

Please add it to your public comments on the dog park.

Thank you!

Carol

On Monday, October 17, 2022 at 06:00:23 PM PDT, RICHARD O GAMMON <rog\_jrg@msn.com> wrote:

Dear Carol,

I am a resident of the Lincoln Heights neighborhood but am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow night so this is what I would like to say:

Please- no dog park in the natural areas of Lincoln Park. The natural areas are city(urban) treasures. Every spring native wildflowers come again-so special: sagebrush buttercups, grass widows, phlox, shooting stars, glacier lilies, yellow bells, camas, bitterroot, balsamroot, daisy flea banes, yarrow, onion, lupin, prairie smoke, coral bells and more that I may have not seen. The native grasses are rebounding.

Perhaps the west end of lower Lincoln Park could be considered. I've seen dogs being exercised and running obstacle trials there.

Please leave the natural areas just as they are-NATURAL.

Judith Gammon  
2308 South Forest Estates Drive  
509 3630535



20-Oct-22

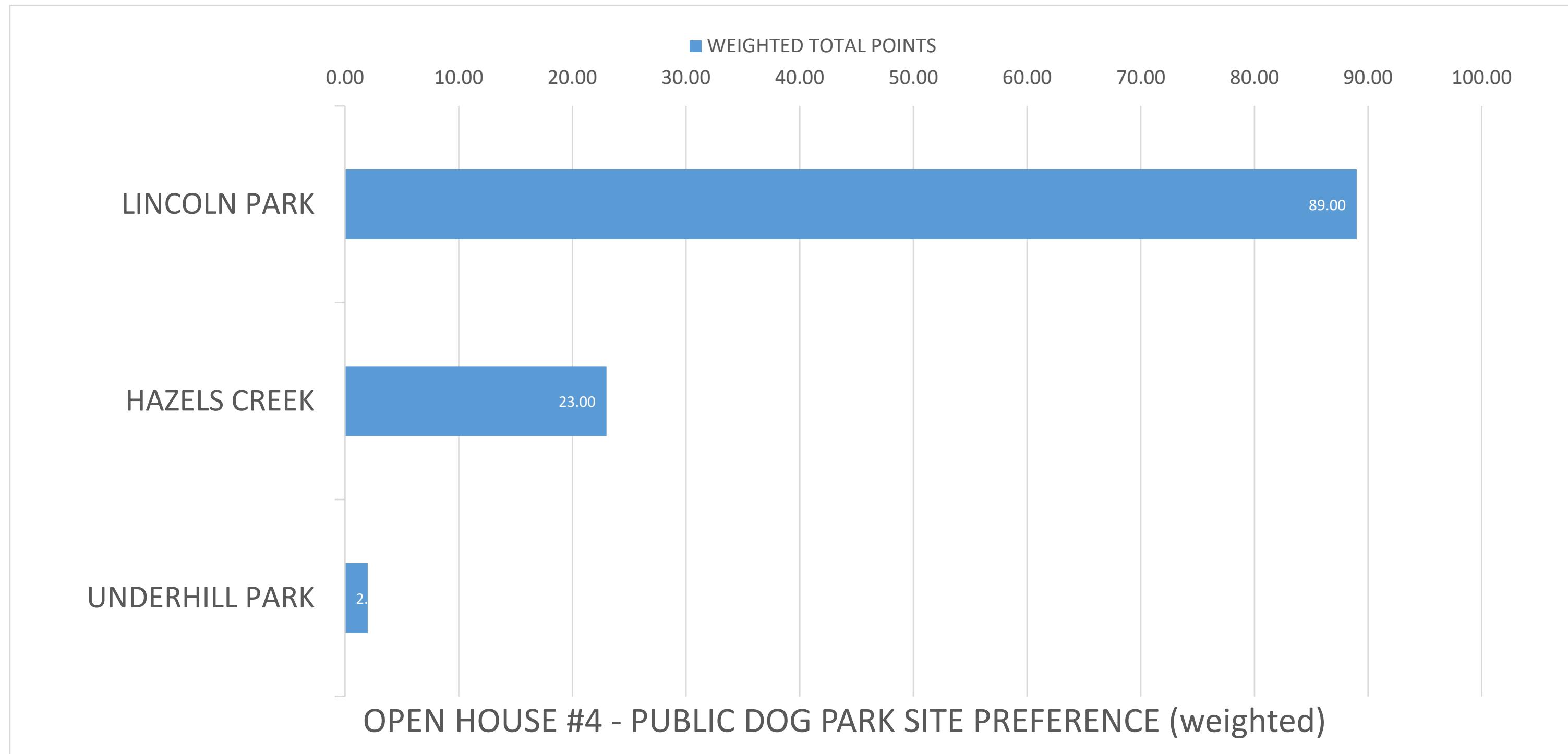
### S. HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION - OPEN HOUSE #4 - EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD - 2022.10.19

NOTES: In person meeting specific to dog park selection held from 6:00-7:45pm, 45 citizens signed-in as attendees. City presentation followed by Q&A & public voting. Neighborhood presented a petition w/ signatures from residents opposing dog park in Underhill Park specifically. Neighborhood council presented resolution opposing dog park in Underhill Park specifically.

COMMUNITY PREFERENCE FOR DOG PARK LOCATION #1 Most Preferred Site, #2 Somewhat Acceptable Site, #3 Oppose Site		#1 votes (green dot)	#2 votes (yellow dot)	#3 votes (red dot)	Weighted Total
1 LINCOLN PARK		28.00	5.00	2.00	89.00
2 HAZEL'S CREEK		3.00	14.00	3.00	23.00
3 UNDERHILL PARK		0.00	2.00	40.00	2.00

Weighted total calculation note: #1 vote (red dot) = 3 points, #2 vote (yellow dot) = 1 point, #3 vote (red dot) = 0 points

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Summary From Comment Cards Received):	# of comments	
<b>HAZEL'S CREEK</b>	<b>6.0</b>	
- support hazel's creek - location most desireable	1.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - pedestrian / vehicular congestion concerns	1.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - displaces other uses	1.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - keep natural / preserve wildlife	1.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - safety concerns	1.0	
- oppose hazel's creek - environmental concerns	1.0	
<b>LINCOLN PARK</b>	<b>1.0</b>	
- oppose lincoln park - keep natural / preserve wildlife	1.0	
<b>UNDERHILL PARK</b>	<b>21.0</b>	
- oppose underhill - displaces other uses	9.0	
- oppose underhill - keep natural / preserve wildlife	4.0	
- oppose underhill - concerned about increased traffic	4.0	
- oppose underhill - too steep & unusable	2.0	
- oppose underhill - socioeconomic impact	1.0	
- oppose underhill - no reason cited	1.0	
<b>ALL SITES / GENERAL COMMENTS</b>	<b>21.0</b>	
- no good options / all sites inadequate	10.0	
- oppose all sites - keep natural / preserve wildlife	3.0	
- prefer other site (manito, thornton murphy, glenrose corner, liberty)	2.0	
- recommend purchasing land / partnering with county (closer to original site)	1.0	
- prefer no new park amenities, maintain existing parks better	1.0	
- no school money for dog park	1.0	
- prioritize effort on enforcing leash laws in neighborhood parks	1.0	
- oppose dog parks in general	1.0	
- more dog parks needed in general	1.0	





**OPEN HOUSE #4 – EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD  
OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION  
ATTENDENCE ROSTER**

Liberty Park Library – 402 S. Pittsburg St. Spokane, WA 99202  
October 19, 2022 – 6:00pm



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# **OPEN HOUSE #4 – EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION**

## ATTENDENCE ROSTER

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## Option A Underhill Park

### site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 5.19  
district 2 rank: #1  
citywide rank: #4

total park area: 26 acres  
total dog park area: 6.0 - 7.5 acres  
large dog area size: 5.0 - 6.5 acres  
small dog area size: 0.8 - 1.0 acres

- pros:**
- large size
  - natural forested character
  - lots of shade
  - existing off-street parking
  - utilities on-site or nearby
  - may displace illicit activity

- cons:**
- some loss of natural area
  - steep terrain
  - ADA access more difficult



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## Option B Lincoln Park

### site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 4.40

district 2 rank: #2

citywide rank: #6

total park area: 58 acres

total dog park area: 7.0 - 8.0 acres

large dog area size: 6.5 - 7.0 acres

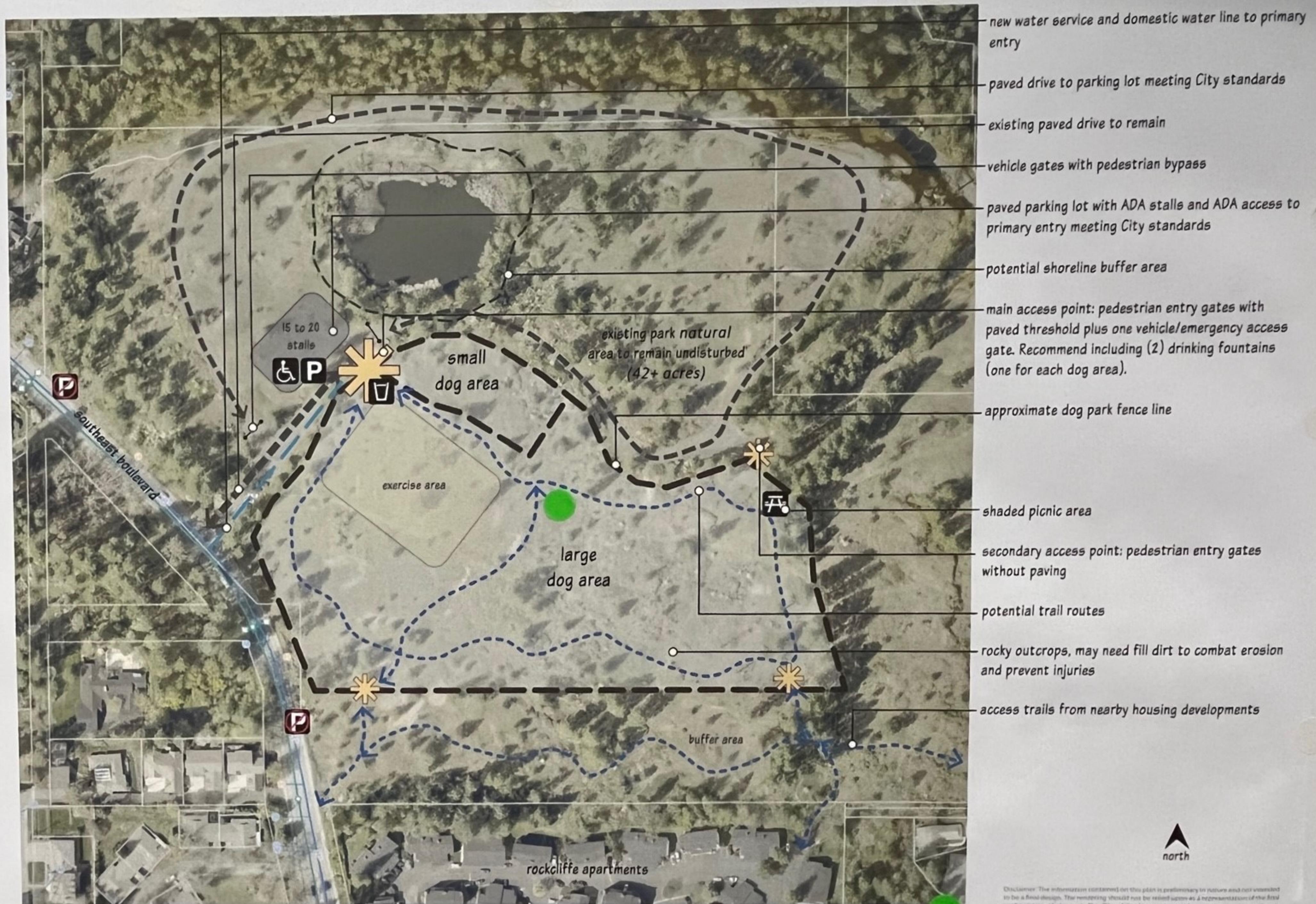
small dog area size: 0.7 - 1.0 acres

### pros:

- large open site
- flat terrain
- minimal impact on other park uses
- may enhance neighborhood connectivity
- natural character

### cons:

- surface rock and shallow soil
- no parking available
- no existing utilities
- potential for increased illicit activity in new parking lot



Disclaimer: The information contained on this plan is preliminary in nature and not intended to be a final design. The rendering should not be relied upon as a representation of the final configuration of this park. The City of Spokane reserves the right to modify, revise, or withdraw any part of this design.



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# **Option C**

## **Hazel's Creek Stormwater Facility**

### site data table:

tier 2 & 3 score: 3.92

district 2 rank: #3

citywide rank #7

**total facility area:**

**total dog park area: 3.5 - 4.25 acres**

large dog area size: 2.5 - 3.0 acres

small dog area size: 1.0 - 1.25 acres

pros:

- flat site access
  - closest site to existing dog park
  - preserves natural habitat
  - utilities available or nearby
  - on street parking available

cons:

- smaller total area
  - wet conditions into summer months
  - no off street parking
  - potential for wetland buffers to increase in size, further shrinking available dog park area.



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# East Central Neighborhood Council

2202 E Sprague Ave, Suite 1, Spokane, WA 99202

Jennifer Ogden, President  
Spokane Park Board  
808 W Spokane Falls Blvd  
Spokane, WA 99201

19 October 2022

Dear Jennifer Ogden,

The East Central Neighborhood Council is writing you regarding the proposed dog park located at Underhill Park.

The East Central Neighborhood Council in our regular monthly meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 passed a resolution petitioning our elected officials and the park board to withdraw any consideration of locating a dog park at Underhill Park and its surrounding natural areas.

We implore the park board to seriously consider our petition and remove Underhill Park as a candidate location for a dog park.

Respectfully,

Randy McGlenn II  
Chairman  
East Central Neighborhood Council

# A Resolution by the East Central Neighborhood Council

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*Presented before the Neighborhood Council on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 2022*

Regarding the proposal to build a dog park area at Underhill Park located within the East Central Neighborhood.

Whereas the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department has solicited input on proposed locations to build a dog park within the existing Spokane City park properties and the governing board voted on the Dog Park Guidelines Document on October 13;

Whereas the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department held a site visit with the neighborhood and public invited to discuss the potential for a dog park at Underhill Park and received strong feedback against the proposal;

Whereas The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled an Open House for East Central Neighborhood on 19 October 2022 at 6 pm in the Liberty Park Library to seek further input from the public with Underhill Park as one of three possible sites; and

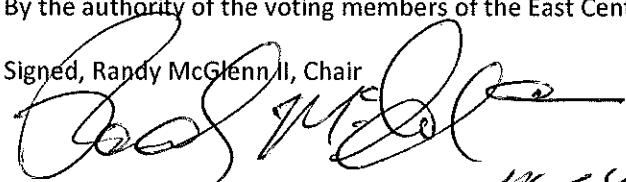
Whereas the East Central Neighborhood Council is committed to preserving the natural areas of Underhill Park in its present state; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the East Central Neighborhood Council:

1. formally opposes the locating of a Dog Park within Underhill Park and surrounding natural areas;
2. petitions the Parks and Recreation board members to withdraw any proposals to locate a dog park at Underhill Park and its surrounding natural areas;
3. petitions the Mayor and City Council to oppose the locating of a dog park within Underhill Park and surrounding natural areas.

By the authority of the voting members of the East Central Neighborhood Council;

Signed, Randy McGlenn II, Chair



Certified by the Secretary, Kim Crumpacker

on Oct. 18, 2022



**Behr, Kris**

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**From:** Debra Wright <debbtunes@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2022 9:52 AM  
**To:** Spokane Parks and Recreation  
**Subject:** Dog Parks

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

To Whom it may concern:

I fail to see any reason why I will need to help pay for any Dog Parks here in Spokane, I don't even own a dog. With so many other more important issues going on a dog park seems to be the last and will continue to move to the last spot on my importance radar. People who own dogs can let them do their business in their own yards and if they live in apartments, walk your dog and clean up after it! You would have to do that anyway in the dog park I would hope. I'm sure by now you understand that I'm totally against having to pay for any Dog Park, it seems like an unnecessary project to me.

I'm happy to receive any information of why we need to pay for this if you think you can change my mind. Don't get me wrong, I love dogs but I don't think we need to build them a park for heavens sake.

Debra Wright

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Samuel Goeken <scgoeken@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:34 PM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Dog Park Comments for the Record  
**Attachments:** Dog Park Concerns.docx

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Hi Nick,

Please see below concerns (or attached file) about Hazel's Creek Dog Park location from my family (and our neighbors) to be included on the record. If you can please confirm I submitted in time? I didn't catch the director's name but he stated this evening that if I send before 10am tomorrow it will be included.

As for the votes, I was able to attend all 4 meetings and vote but my wife could only attend the Zoom meeting to vote. Are you able to add her vote against Hazel's Creek for meetings 1, 2 and 4? I also noticed children voting tonight. I have 2 children at home that couldn't make all 4 meetings per the late start time and would have voted against Hazel's Creek if present if they are able to be included as well.

I hope to be able to attend again on Monday.

Thank you,

Samuel Goeken

**--Start--**

- **Hazel's Creek does not provide the needed Community Size Dog Park for District 2, only half**
- **Hazel's Creek is not a park. It has been a cultural and natural amenity** to a quiet neighborhood enjoyed by many families, seniors, and pet owners in surrounding homes, apartments and 55+ Community and schools all within 1 block
- **Hazel's Creek has been a backyard to Ferris High School and Adams Elementary.** Families and children walking through the creek to get to school and to bus to other schools will be disrupted. The daily Ferris outdoor educational classes will be disrupted and Ferris events will be disrupted by visitors. Visitors and pets will likewise be disturbed by the very noisy frequent Ferris events 200ft away.
- **Hazel's Creek has been a backyard** to the 4 nearby communities. Visitors have grown 3-4 times since the start of COVID. Hazels' Creek and has since **served as an extended backyard to those beyond Southgate**. Two communities are within 50-100ft, the 3<sup>rd</sup> within 200ft and 4<sup>th</sup> within 500 ft according to Google maps.
- **The safety of our Neighborhood children is at stake.** If a gate is left unlocked, a loose dog will either end up in Ferris sports fields or one of our seven cul-de-sacs front yards off 42<sup>nd</sup> with children playing
- **Every single Southgate neighbor opposed Hazel's Creek as a Dog Park location in the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.** 2 people from the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting voted for Hazel's Creek. **89% of voters in the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting said Hazel's Creek is unsuitable for a dog park.** The good people of District 2 have spoken. If you truly care about the people's needs and wants, you must remove Hazel's Creek from consideration

- **Hazel's Creek has existing traffic and safety issues via street parking on 42<sup>nd</sup>.** It would be exacerbated and dangerous for visiting pet owners and wheelchair visitors who will forced to be parking on 42<sup>nd</sup> where drivers speed 40+ mph all hours of the day. Prior Radar usage and current "Neighbors Drive 25" signs have all been ignored by speeding cars. Park construction on 42<sup>nd</sup> during school days will be routed to 44<sup>th</sup> and be even more dangerous for our neighborhood children being forced to use Regal and Freya until construction is completed.
- **Hazel's creek has served as an unofficial Conservation Land, currently a critical wetland** and upland habitat with a diverse array of plant and animal life above while what's below naturally filters stormwater and removes pollutants before entering the river untreated. **89% of the original survey prefer protecting wetlands over having a dog park.** Fencing half would destroy 100% of this habitat.
- The EPA (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) says **that keeping dog waste out of storm drains is an effective way to improve urban runoff water quality.** 3 days of 100 dog droppings can contribute enough bacteria, nitrogen and phosphorus (including parasites/viruses) to temporarily close a bay to swimming and fishing.
- **Dog waste contains nutrients to promote algae in rivers and creeks,** eating the oxygen plants and animals need. **This increase in algae would ruin Hazel's Creek** which can flood up to 2 feet and feces is not something we want around water heading for our rivers. Water shaped this property for thousands of years. A paleochannel, an ancient creek bed buried during the Missoula floods, begins at this site. Hazel's Creek flows into that channel.
- **Local neighborhood dog owner's pets will be disturbed by unruly Dog Park pet visitors.** Dogs on their own nearby property will react naturally and verbally to those in the park. This could cause nearby neighbors to call and complain to scraps on dogs that are normally well behaved when unprovoked.
- **Some neighbors and pet owners will no longer be able to enjoy the park safely** when visitors become rowdy, unruly and many.
- **Most neighbors prefer a dog park in a location the city is unable to provide for District 2** at this time. We should wait until an appropriate property for district 2 can be obtained.

**Per the stated unsound, unsafe and negligent to ignore reasons stated here, the City and Parks Dept should be held accountable and responsible for any lawsuits related to people and pets visiting the area including the park and surrounding neighborhood, and any future negative affect on our water, the river and destruction of critical wetlands to prevent flooding.**

--End--

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Christine Bartley <christinebartley0223@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2022 9:30 AM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** New dog park

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

It is nice that you are putting in a new dog park. Could I suggest putting in a fenced area for small dogs there also? The only one in Spokane is covered with human and animal feces and is isolated and dangerous. All the cities I have lived in--Portland and San Francisco and Seattle--have sections for small dogs. Little dogs love to run and socialize but are often unsafe around larger dogs.

Thank you!

Christine Bartley  
Spokane WA

## **Hamad, Nicholas**

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**From:** Jones, Garrett  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 20, 2022 11:31 AM  
**To:** Hamad, Nicholas  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lincoln Park Dog Park Comments

Thank you,  
Garrett

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Julie Schaffer <juliejschaffer@gmail.com>  
**Date:** October 20, 2022 at 10:16:03 AM PDT  
**To:** "Jones, Garrett" <gjones@spokanecity.org>  
**Subject:** Lincoln Park Dog Park Comments

**[CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL - Verify Sender]**

Hello Mr. Jones,  
Can you please share my comments below with the Park Board regarding the potential new dog park at Lincoln Park?

I grew up in Spokane, and as a child, I remember Lincoln Park as a wild playground and a rare opportunity to feel like I was in nature in the middle of the city. I rode my bike there, hiked with my family, and later went on morning jogs with my dad, enjoying the wildlife and beautiful scenery. I am now raising my young son on the south hill and we often go to Lincoln Park as a respite from the urban environment. He enjoys climbing on the rocks, looking at the balsam root, viewing the pond wildlife, and even ice skating in the winter. I feel so grateful to have this natural area within our neighborhood, as a place where our children and families can connect with nature.

We also own a dog, and we love dogs and dog parks. However, I believe that it would be a tremendous loss to Spokane residents (and the wildlife and eco-system) if we placed a dog park within upper Lincoln Park. Doing so would mean the loss of a natural environment that cannot be replaced and that is so rare and precious within our city. I also do not believe that parking is adequate in this location.

As I look around the South Hill, I see many parks with an abundance of grass. Could we not turn a portion of one of those into a dog park, and create a "natural feel" with some minor landscaping changes? I know our City values the replacement of grass with more drought tolerant landscapes (Spokaneescape program). Could the dog park not be a way for the City to demonstrate this value?

I strongly urge you not to place the dog park at Upper Lincoln Park, and to instead choose a location where grass can be replaced with a more sustainable landscape.

Thank you for your consideration and your service,  
Julie Schaffer



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Robin Keizer

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

All 3 parks do not fit guideline's due to either <sup>(1)</sup>slope  $\geq 2:1$   
<sup>(2)</sup>mostly basalt or <sup>(3)</sup>wet land areas.

These are just three that should have disqualified them.

I asked if the (3) 5 acre lots west side of south hill land fill  
could be looked at for use as the middle school somehow got an  
okay to put a baseball field on the area. Please talk to those  
who have control of the fill site what it would take to make  
those (3) 5 acre sites available for a Dog Park Thank You



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: *Ryan Anderson*

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	
- LINCOLN PARK 1	<i>Maybe</i>
- UNDERHILL PARK	<i>Never</i>

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

*Adding additional new park space without a dedicated funding stream is irresponsible. The current parks are under maintained as if new park space cannot be afforded.*

*Natural space should be maintained at all cost, which actually doesn't cost anything to keep it natural.*



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Chad Mitchell

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
- LINCOLN PARK	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
- UNDERHILL PARK	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

For a variety of reasons - none of these are really suitable.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION	
YOUR NAME:	Ann Bennett
RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- HAZEL'S CREEK</li><li>- LINCOLN PARK</li><li>- UNDERHILL PARK</li></ul>	<p><i>NONE</i></p>
ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):  <i>NO SCHOOL MONEY FOR A DOG PARK</i>  <i>RIDICULOUS !!</i>	



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Michelle Weldy

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

no  
no  
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ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

none of the sites are  
good please look else  
where

Park Board,  
I don't think the public likes any of these options. Can  
you request other sites, please?



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION	
YOUR NAME:	Mandi Walters
RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	
- LINCOLN PARK	
- UNDERHILL PARK	3
Thornton Murphy	1
ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):	
Do not destroy natural spaces in our city parks for the use of dog parks. Natural areas cannot be replaced once destroyed. Specifically, taking natural areas from a dead woman's will or a low income neighborhood, is immoral.	
These three choices are <del>the</del> native habitat, and as your survey shows, 91% of those surveyed want to protect Riparian environments. How does this make sense?	



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Ann Kalaiza

76 yrs in neighborhood

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- 1 HAZEL'S CREEK
- 2 LINCOLN PARK
- 3 UNDERHILL PARK

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soc hill  
soc hill

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

The children of the Underhill Park  
need the park more than dogs.

Not good idea to increase traffic  
in that neighborhood.

Will disrupt serenity of Ben Bunn  
Trail!



It needs to be more interactive so minutes go by

so it's a pay for use area if it's a protected fenced like a parking meterization or activity area for safety and stimulation or behavior designed by vet specialists.

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### FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Kathy Randall

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

1

1

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

- 1) Please put effort into solutions at neighborhood parties where careless, negligent people let their dogs run loose. Upsets leashed dogs & owners.
- 2) Far west end of Liberty Park looks ideal for off-leash.
- 3) Re comments of more concern for dogs than children - nonsense! There are too many children who are unsupervised in our community who cause much damage! And plenty of irresponsible parents who don't teach children to share, respect and care for our parks & neighborhoods!
- 4) I live with freeway noise 24/7 and my outings to nearby Underhill for about 30-40 minutes with a companion, leashed dog are my relief and comfort from urban ills. My visits are on par with yester year camping at Priest Lake! This is much easier access, more affordable and I can hear the birds, too!

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I happen to have an intelligent dog who alerts and barks to herd. It is challenging to give her appropriate stimulation to be happy. Variety of Underhill is good as is.



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### FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: MURSE BOYLE

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	—
- LINCOLN PARK	—
- UNDERHILL PARK	—

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

IT SEEEMS NONE OF THE SITES ARE GOOD FOR A DOG PARK. IT'S TIME TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD OF STREET ONCE. THIS SIGHTMENT THAT DOES NOT TO BE PUSHED. DO IT RIGHT OR DONT DO IT AT ALL.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Linda Wilson

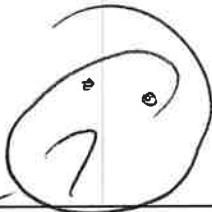
RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	3 Don't Care
- LINCOLN PARK	1 Good Place
- UNDERHILL PARK	Q Never
Thornton Murphy	-2 Don't Care

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I have LIVED HERE OVER 30 years sledding, skating, use PARK all year around people myself included, already WALK dogs there ALL the time. Bottom of the Hill paths BEGIN for the whole trail system. None of this PARK should BE fenced for people TOO LAZY to WALK their dogs they want A fenced area where they can sit And their dogs run then go back home

So Much to Say No One will Listen OR CARE





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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Rudi Downing

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

SITE RANKING

not voting on these  
since I don't live there!  
leave us alone !!! 3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

natural habitat - greatly affected  
at Underhill - "negative" if you fence  
Neighborhood already  
congested by traffic at  
Underhill - all 3 streets -  
Fiske, Regal + Hartson are too  
narrow for increased traffic



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: PATRICK mCKAUN

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

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ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

YOUR ENTIRE SCORING SYSTEM IGNORED THE VALUE OF NATIVE HABITAT PRESERVATION. EVEN THOUGH IT WAS A HUGE PRIORITY FOR ALL SURVEY RESPONDENTS, EVEN DOG PARK ADVOCATES.

YOU NEED TO START FROM SCRATCH, ELIMINATING NATURAL HABITAT FROM CONSIDERATION. THEN PRESENT THE TOP 5 OR 10. THIS 3 CHOICE ULTIMATUM IS INSULTING.  
THEY ALL RUIN VITAL HABITAT.



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### FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: CONNIE LAMBERT - ECKEL

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| - HAZEL'S CREEK  | 2 |
| - LINCOLN PARK   | 1 |
| - UNDERHILL PARK | 3 |

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

- \* per report - poss. 1 employee to support enforcement - laughable
- \* how you will you get proposed maintenance roads up there for proposed maint. renovations
- \* access is a problem - dead ends, narrow streets, close neighborhoods.
- \* less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  (one half of 1 percent) participated in your survey — add to base decisions on this #
- \* This park is very hard to get around - dangerous in wet, icy weather or in the dark/dusk.
- \* parking lot is not close to proposed entrance — people will end up parking on dead end residential street, to be close to entrance.
- \* While not 'preserved' land - this area is one of the last vestiges of "Wild" land — accessible now to the neighborhood. — please don't turn this area into a dog toilet.
- \* What happens to the deer, the turkeys, rabbits & all the kids who need access, this area?
- \* LEAST ADA Accessible area proposed — Only the very fit will be able to fully use this park. — Ø flat large areas —
- \* per report you would not consider areas that have established trails or are too steep — If you have been here you know this is true —
- \* how can you possibly bring enough light to not have the area be dangerous w/out major efforts.
- \* due to terrain owners will lose visual access to their dogs (off-leash) in seconds.





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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: MICHAEL KALUSA

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	NO
- LINCOLN PARK	NO
- UNDERHILL PARK	NO

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

- 1) ARE DOG OWNERS GOING TO PARK ON 11TH ABOVE UNDERHILL & AND WALK DOWN TO THE ~~THE~~ DOG PARK.
- 2) UNDERHILL DOG PARK IS A WALKING NIGHTMARE FOR ~~THE~~ ~~THE~~ MOST DOG OWNERS.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Karen Mobley

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

None of the Above

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

My next door children call the present dog park area, "Dog Poop Elementary." Commenters about hygiene are valid — I don't think this will be a clean place. ☹

This is my second meeting — I still stand with my last comment! None of these are good for the habitat. Please look at Thornton Murphy and areas where the land has already been destroyed.

# No UNDERHILL !!!



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION	
YOUR NAME:	Sommer Blessing
RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	SITE RANKING
- HAZEL'S CREEK	○
- LINCOLN PARK	○
- UNDERHILL PARK	○

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

None of these - People don't want Dog parks displacing natural areas. Definitely Not Underhill! It is too Steep, dangerous + right now the children play on underhill. It's magical for them. They climb, run + connect to nature. Sledding is also an essential activity the neighbors engage in ALL WINTER



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: mychal Bossiu

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK

- LINCOLN PARK 1, 2, 3

- UNDERHILL PARK

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Underhill is full of natural habitat  
land scape is rugged. not proper for dog pack  
many sports are played at proposed entrance.  
~~root~~



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION	
YOUR NAME:	Erin Meuer
RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):	
1 HAZEL'S CREEK	
2 LINCOLN PARK	No!
3 UNDERHILL PARK	No!

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

This dog park is not viable for several reasons:

- already in use: 4 playgrounds, volleyball, basketball, tennis, hiking, cricket, biking, baseball, on-leash dog walking, picnicking, sledding, splash pads
- not accessible: uneven + hilly terrain not suitable for all users, no parking, no trash management, low visibility
- natural habitats are critical; already lost some to developed woodpecker (Afghans, Pakistanis)
- cross-cultural considerations: Muslims are included in cricket use, Marshallese + Pacific Islanders use park (500+ people) and are dog adverse
- neighborhood has been targeted (poverty + pdr)



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Kellie Crawford

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

- Why is a wealthier South Hill problem being dumped on poorer neighborhoods?
- Dogs are already able to use those sites. But changing to dog park means PEOPLE cannot use it anymore. I can't bring my toddler to a place with unleashed dogs. I won't bring myself to that danger!
- Why are we saying dogs can access natural areas, but PEOPLE cannot?
- Keep natural areas walkable and accessible!



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Sam Werne

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Logistically a dog park at underhill park would be a nightmare! There's not enough parking and it's a muddy mess in winter/spring.  
Aside from that - East Central has been colonized enough! Honestly ask the neighborhood what they want and LISTEN!



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: *Kristina Smith*

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK *(1)*
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

*go back to the drawing board!*  
Hazels creek is most centrally located. Underhill  
isn't even a south hill location. Also, the  
terrain you are suggesting is uneven and  
obstructs children's use of the sled hill.  
You can do better City of Spokane!



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Lynn Mintun

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK 2

2

- LINCOLN PARK 1

1

- UNDERHILL PARK 3

3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Under hill is the worst place for a park, will lose a lot of nature and kids off sleigh hill.



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME:

Linda Martin

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK
- LINCOLN PARK
- UNDERHILL PARK

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2  
Noway

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

I've lived by & used Underhill park for 17 years -  
It's not the right place for a dog park - very rough terrain  
lots of rocks & hills -  
Fencing it off will affect our ability to walk trails -  
& encourage problems w/unleashed dogs



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FEEDBACK FORM - OFFICIAL SOUTH HILL DOG PARK SITE SELECTION

YOUR NAME: Cara George

RANK YOUR PREFERRED DOG PARK SITE FROM 1-3 (1 BEING MOST PREFERRED):

SITE RANKING

- HAZEL'S CREEK 2
- LINCOLN PARK 1
- UNDERHILL PARK 3

ADDITIONAL INPUT (Let us know anything you like or dislike about a specific dog park site. Tell us anything we missed or should be aware of):

Please do not put the dog park in Underhill Park.  
No one who lives in the neighborhood wants it there.  
It will destroy the park as we know and love it.

# Petition to Protect Underhill Park Natural Area and Shared Use

<b>Petition summary and background</b>	Spokane Parks is considering a 7.2 acre dog park in Underhill Hill Park, fencing off the natural area on the westside, including popular walking paths, and giving over more than 1/4 of our local public land to one single user group. A dog park will destroy native plants, flowers and habitat, create nuisance noise and smells, and impinge on existing uses including summer gatherings, baseball, volleyball and cricket. It will take away the only natural area in the neighborhood available to children and adults. The need for additional parking and walkway to the dog park will impact the popular sledding hill.
<b>Action petitioned for</b>	We request Spokane Parks remove Underhill Park from consideration as a dog park and look for other sites. Underhill Park already supports many popular activities and uses in our diverse neighborhood. The proposed site is primarily on city-owned parcels, not Park property. We request the City Council remove this property from consideration from a dog park and permanently protect it as a natural area.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Michelle Welch	M. Welch	626 S Regal Spok	not safe No Dog Park	10/1/22
Robin Keizer	Robin L Keizer	626 S Regal St Spok	Too Dangerous - Too many drop offs - No See for / 22	10/1/22
Victoria Lawrence	Victoria C Lawrence	2703 E Spokane	Liberty Park is better choice. Too much change here.	16/1/22
MIKE ECKEL	M.W. Eckel	2702 E. 8TH		10-1-22
John Trumble	John S. Trumble	2711 E. 8th Ave Spk.	big cliffs	10-1-22
Rebecca Kull	Rebecca Kull	2712 E. 8th	No Dog Park	10-1-22
David Sobotta	David Sobotta	2534 E. 8th		10/1/22
Richae Sobotta	Richae Sobotta	2534 E. 8th Ave	worry about responsible pet owners sharing park	10/1/22
Eaceas Borlami	Eaceas Borlami	2574 E. 8th Ave	BAD PLACE TO SHARE	10/1/22
Whitney Cuthill Gallegos	Whitney Cuthill Gallegos	2503 E. 8th Ave	We walk through these trails with from house	10/1/22
ERIC THAGEN	Eric Thagen	2603 E 7th Ave	NOT SAFE	10/1/22

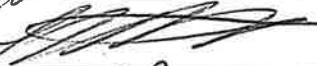
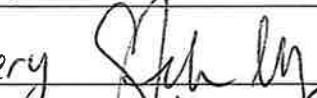
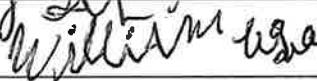
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JoAnn Hagen	Jo Ann Hagen	2603 E. 7th Ave.	No thank you!	10-1-22
Steven L Hall	Steven L Hall	2624 E 7th Ave	No Thank You	10/1/22
James Turnipseed	James Turnipseed	2624 E 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	No Thank you	10/1/22
Cindy Turnipseed	C Cindy	2624 E 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	ABSOLUTELY NOT!	10/1/22
Toni Leonard	Toni Leonard	2624 E 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	NO THANKS	10/1/22
Robbie Basson	Robbie Basson	1224 W Shannon Ave	No Thank you	10/2/22
Girdamo Napoli	Girdamo Napoli	2427 E Hartson Ave	Big Cliffs, no Flat, terrible Idea	10/2/22
Candice Martinez	Candice Martinez	2427 E. Hartson Ave	No thanks	10/2/22
Austin Davis	Austin Davis	2502 E Hartson	Our Neighbors would smell like dog poop	10/2/22
Deborah Volkmer	Deborah Volkmer	2812 E Hartson Ave	No thanks	10/2/22
Sherry Mayo	Sherry Mayo	3832 E 15 <sup>th</sup> Ave	No thanks	10-2-22

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Lynne Batten		2808 E. Hartson	Do not want in my back yard	10/2/22
Timmy		5517 E. Parkcenter	Not here, live off	10/3/22
Michael		7288 W. 4th St	not here	10/2/22
Jackie		7288 W. 4th St	not here	10/2/22
Shane Batten		2808 E. Hartson Ave	not here Dangerous	10/2/22
Misty Williams		124 N Hallett St	Dangerous/destructive	10/2/22
Kassandra Nelson		124 N Hallett St	destructive/Dangerous	10/2/22
Loren Montgomery		2807 E. Hartson	Dangerous/not here	10/2/22
Stephanie Montgomery		1744 N. Nelson St.	No thank you	10/2/22
Guy Montgomery		1744 N. Nelson St.	Nope	10/2/22
William A		105 S Cedar St.	Let the slopes stay, sledding rocks!	10/2/22

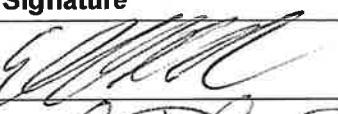
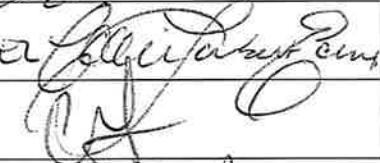
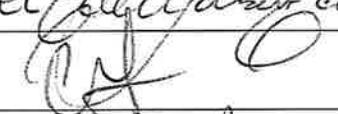
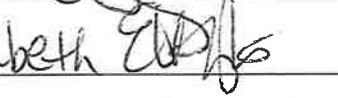
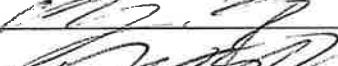
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Mia Walton	Mia Walton	2412 E. 8th Ave		10/9/22
Jakes Chamberlain	Jakes Chamberlain	636 S. Regal St		10/9/22
Lallah Marston	Lallah Marston	3003 E. 16th Ave	A real shame of 1055 for Spokane to destroy natural landscape & habitat	10/13/22
Paris Weaver	Paris Weaver	2326 E. 30th Libbyhole		10/13/22
Duc Huynh	Duc Huynh	7703 N. Tucannon		10/13/22
Emily	Emily	2709 W. Woodlawn		10/13/22
Yuliya Terasova	Yuliya Terasova	6519 W. Sedil Ln.	10	10.13.22
Brina Lavrovna	Brina Lavrovna	3901 E Longfellow Ave		10.13.22
Anastasia Prikhodko	Anastasia Prikhodko	1614 E. 33rd Ave		10/13/22
Ryudmila Solodyankina	Ryudmila Solodyankina	1301 S. Whipple Ct	Please keep the park as is!	10/13/22
Aaron Sylvia	Aaron Sylvia	824 N. Woodruff		10/13/22

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Elliot reed		1408 W Mallon Ave Spokane WA 99205	there are better spots	10/7/22
CONNIE LAMBERT-BECKER		2702 E 8TH AVE 99202 spokane	NOT A GOOD, SAFE LOCATION - LOOK!	10/7/22
Charles Goulding		2516 E 7th Ave 99202	definitely close to school	10/7/22
Dykes, Elizabeth		3117 W. 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave 99224	Leave Underhill be!	10/8/22
Barnes, Regena	Regena Barnes	3117 W. 12th Ave 99224	Kids need a place to play!	10/8/22
Hilary Davis	Hilary Davis	3105 E 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave 99202	Not practical	10/8/22
Dale Davis	Dale Davis	3105 E 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave 99202	Leave underhill be	10/8/22
Abbey Lindsey		721 S. Fiske	No dog park	10/8/22
David Blaag		721 S. Fiske	No dog Park	10/8/22
Georgian Erickson		431 E 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave 99202	No dog Park	10/8/22
Mariam Nasor Mulu		2530 E 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave 99202	NOT SAFE	10/8/22

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Tim E Marashin	Tim E Marashin	2428 E 4th	not a safe thing to do at all,	10/6/22
Linda Simon	Linda Simon	455 S. Fisher	not ideal	10/6/22
Ahn Barnett	Ahn Barnett	2618 E 7th	bad location-	10/6/22
Teagan Osborne	Teagan Osborne	2517 E 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	not level for dogs, not good for local wildlife	10/6/22
Kyleigh Castleberry	Kyleigh Castleberry	2517 F 7th Ave	unsafe for animals	10/6/22
Thad Hines	T. Hines	726 S. Cook St	not good for wildlife and parking is an issue	10/6/22
Danielle Taverner	Danielle Taverner	1222 Shattuck St.	Not great for neighborhood	10/6/22
John T. Morgan	John T. Morgan	809 E Harrison Ave	Need ALTERNATE planning area	10/7/22
Lynnae Jones	Lynnae Jones	1609 E Harrison Ave Apt. 4	NOT SAFE FOR area	10/7/22
Indaka Benshoof	Indaka Benshoof	4023 E Pacific Ave #24	unsafe, wildlife area	10/7/22
KEVIN PRICE	KEVIN PRICE	1408 W Mallon Ave	TERRAIN IS UNSAFE.	10/7/22

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Edward Moore	Edward Moore	2417 E. 7th Ave.	No Dog Park	10/5/2022
Kimberly Moore	Kimberly Moore	2417 E. 7th Ave	Against Dog park	10/5/22
Brian Elaison	Brian Elaison	707 S. Fiske	No dog park	10/5/22
Melissa Elaison	Melissa Elaison	118 E. Sandusky	No dog park Keep sled hill	10/5/22
Dylan Person	Dylan Person	636 S. Regal St	No Dog Park	10/5/22
Trinity Chappell	Trinity Chappell	6310 S. Regal Street.	No Dog park	10/5/22
Ryan Bangs	Ryan Bangs	636 S. Regal street	No Dog Park	10/5/22
Sean Daniel	Sean Daniel	412 S Haven St	No Dog Park <sup>Needs to</sup> be flat	10/6/22
JEFF PIERCE	Jeff Pierce	3924 E. 7TH	NO DOG PARK	10/6/22
Amy Cade	Amy Cade	673 S Stone St.	smaller dog park More space for people	10/6/22
Luis Campos	Luis Campos	2327 E. Hartson Ave	not a practical location for a dog park	10/6/22

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Aaron Carlson	aaron carlson	2516 E 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Dont want all that traffic	10/4/22
Garrett Nyberg	Garrett Nyberg	2721 E 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Dont want traffic taking away sledding area	10/4/22
*Rochelle Durnphy	Rochelle Durnphy	2721 E 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Traffic & Sledding way	10/4/22
Shari Howton	Shari Howton	2704 E Hartson Ave		10-4-22
Danny Howton	Danny Howton	2704 E Hartson Ave		10/4/22
Melissa Bruce	Melissa Bruce	2607 E 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	I love walking my dog through that area, + he needs a leash, this would take away space I can walk him	10/4/22
Marian Bluhel	Marian Bluhel	2607 E 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave	that area is used already for hiking and sledding	10/4/22
Sam Cannon	SC	3016 E 9 <sup>th</sup> Ave	great as is	10/4/22
Jamie Guerrero	Jamie Guerrero	3719 E Hill St	Keep the park the same	10-5-22
Quench Elmores	Quench Elmores	636 S Regal	Taking too much	10-5-22
Michael Bossi	Michael Bossi	2417 E 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave	traffic + taking away from our community this is not social	10-5-22

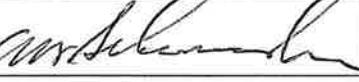
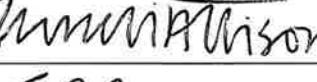
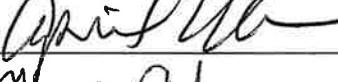
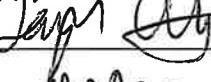
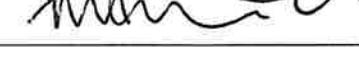
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Tina Mintyala	Tina Mintyala	2507 E. 8th Ave Spokane 99202	not flat	10/3/22
Samantha Walsh	Samantha Walsh	2436 E 8th Ave Spokane 99202	cons outweigh pro's,	10/3/22
Jen Anson	Jen Anson	1123 S Maple St 99204 Spokane	need a flat spot that people and dogs can walk leave that natural habitat alone!	10-3-22
Ruth Downing	Ruth Downing	1128 E. Hartson Ave	Not enough space. Poor	10-3-22
Travis Birrell	TB	2614 E 7th Ave	line of sight	10/3/22
Sam Birrell	Sam Birrell	2014 E 7th Ave	Encroaching on natural land	10/3/22
Ice Velasquez	Ice Velasquez	2812 E. HARTSON AVE		10-3-22
Aren Cooria	Aren Cooria	707 S Ray St	UNSafe	10-4-22
Veronica Oslakiewicz	Veronica Oslakiewicz	707 S Ray St.	UN Safe	10-4-22
Olympia Jacobson	Olympia Jacobson	1120 W. Sharp	would take away accessible nature for ppl	10-4-22
Patrick McKinn	Pat	2318 E N Altmont Blvd	the city needs now	10-4-22
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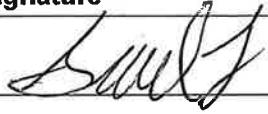
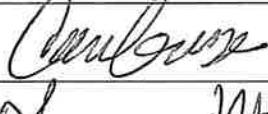
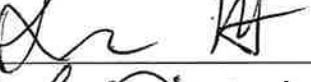
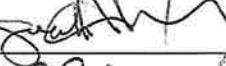
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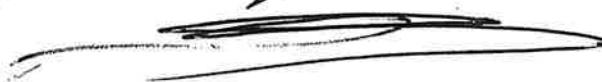
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Rach Nichols		1401 S. Kahl and Spokane Way Spokane WA 99202	Please no Park not right place.	10-2
G.M. Schumacher		3812 E. 21st Ave Spokane WA	DO NOT WANT A DOG PARK AT ALL	10-2
BRENDA CROWDAY 509-202-9416	Brenda Molinday	2107 E HARTSON, SPOKANE 99202	DO NOT WANT A DOGPARK	10-2
Kathleen Randall	Kathleen Randall	6019 E. 6 <sup>th</sup> , spok 99212	Not appropriate for dogs, too risky for injuries,	10-3
Kylee Englehart 509-869-7408		2717 E. Hartson spokane 99202	Do Not want any of it	10-3
Randi Allison		2614 E. 8th Spokane	NO DOG PARK!!!	10-3
Tess Allison		2614 E 8th SPOKANE	NO DOG PARK	10-3
ED Wiendaw		2613 E 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave Spokane	No Dog Park	10/3/22
April Wiendaw		2615 E 8 <sup>th</sup> ave spokane	No Dog Park	10/3/22
Taylor Anthony		2613 E 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave Spokane	No dog park	10/3/22
Mackline Wrenella		2615 E 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave Spokane	No dog park	10/3/22

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Saul Leon		406 E Montgomery		10/2/22
Trish Mohr		4335 W Peninsula Dr		10/2/22
Dewitt Mota		4335 W. Peninsula Dr.		10/2/22
William Albrecht		2803 E. Hartson	No way!	10/2/22
Cara George		3625 E 51st Ave	no dog park!	10/2/22
Lynn Mintun		2711 E. Hartson	NO	10/2/22
Linda J Mintun		2711 E Hartson Ave	No dog park!!!	10/2/22
Chad Battaini		2701 E 8th	NO	10/2/22
Joe KRIEGER		8075 Evergreen Dr, 9526	No Dog Park	10/2/22
Alexandria Montague		2713 E 7th Ave	Hell NO!!! away quit taking our area	10/2/22
Noah Montague		2713 E 7th Ave	No this is our community	10/2/22



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Sripsha Gurupalli	Sripsha	7808 N Morton St, Apt #646 Spokane, WA 99208	It is important we preserve our green spaces for ourselves & future generations	10-10-22
Krishna Jayaraman	Krishna Jayam	1919 N Klinrock St, Liberty Lake WA - 99019	Underhill park is used by different groups of people for various sports. Parking will be a issue	10/10/22
Sankar Piramanayagam	Sankar	1980 N Winchester Ct, Liberty Lake, WA 99019	Park is used for various sports and kids use it to play over full summer. Having a dog park will cause hardship to other existing users and parking issues	10/10/22
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Sravanthi Nallamothu	Sravanthi	707 W, 5th Ave, Coopers George apt, Spokane, WA 99204	Park is encouraging various sports, interacting with friends and meeting new people. Great space for events and safe gathering. So cutting down trees will effect the shade and cause hardship	10/11/22
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—	—	—		
Jayesh Modha	Jayesh Modha	1700 N Oakland Rd, Liberty Lake, WA 99019	With number of things going in the park, it will be too much for a single park to accommodate.	10/11/22
—	—	—	I would recommend not to have dog parks.	
Prashikesh Joshi	Prashikesh Joshi	3807 E 48th Ave Spokane, WA 99223	Underhill park is the only field where cricket can be played in Spokane Area. It is home ground for Spokane Cricket Club, a member of Northwest Cricket League. Addition of dog park can further exacerbate the problems that the club faces with vandalism, parking	10/11/22
—	—	—	of the play field	

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Abhishek Sharma	Abhishek Sharma	8424 N Nevadast, Spokane WA, 99208	Parking spots are already limited and during a game or event we have to park on the road. Having dog park is going to cause more issue	10/11/22
Ram Yadlapalli	Ram Yadlapalli	707 W. 5th Ave, Cooper George apartments, Spokane 99204	People play multiple sports (cricket, baseball) with hard balls. For now it is safe as people are limited who use park but with dog park more people will be present which will increase risk of hurting someone.	-
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Sai Prathap Gunduri	Sai Prathap	7808 N Morton St, Apt 646 Spokane, WA 99208	Having a dog park will impact sledding activity in winter and create nuisance for summer activities	10/12/2022
Pasamjot Heer	Pasam J.	18320 E 1st Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99206	A dog park will create more parking issues than what we already have. Please reconsider	10/12/22
Gaurava Sharma	Gaurava Sharma	1849 W Windflower CT Spokane 99208	Dog park will destroy natural habitat and impact sledding activities in snow season	10/12/22
Iqas Babakar Khan	Iqas	1795 Elder Ct, Richland WA 99352	Underhill park is used by diverse groups for different activities. A dog park will create nuisance	10/12/22

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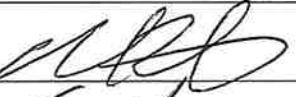
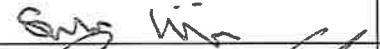
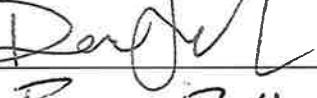
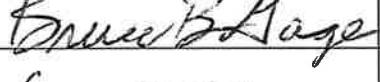
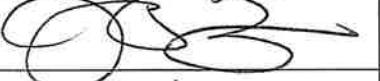
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Brenda Lunn	Brenda Lunn	3202 E 14th		10/14/22
Jacquelyn & Matt	Jacquelyn & Matt	644 S. Greene St		10/15/22
Dominic Ramirez	Dominic Ramirez	2519 E. 7th Ave	NA	10/15/22
Roger Bearden	Roger Bearden	320 S Fish St	NO	10/15/22
Cecil Hudday	Cecil Hudday	857 E Lyons	NO	10/15/22
Joseph Fisette Jr	Joseph Fisette Jr	2403 E Desmet Ave	HELL NO!!!	10/15/22
Chandra Whitney	Chandra Whitney	2403 E Desmet Ave	Absolutely NOT!!	10/15/22
Chris Whitney	Chris Whitney	821 S Thor	NO	10/15/22
Kerry Whitsitt	Kerry Whitsitt	4015 S. Hogan	-	10/19/22
India Malcolm	India Malcolm	5310 E. GRANITE POINT DR	-	10/19/22

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Samantha Mae		817 S FISKE	Like Dogowner - PARK NO DOGPARK PROTECTION WE LOVE THE PARK!	10/2/22
Sakeem William				Oct 2 2022
Roxanne William		304 SKAISPEL	KEEP THE PARK THE SAME	10/2/22
Stu Steiger		807 S Fiske St	Protect the natural area	10/2/22
Shelly Johnson		847 S. Fiske st	The park is such a joy!!!	10/2/22
Bruce Gage		811 S. Fiske	Really? Fence off 1/4 to destroy a Natural Area	10-10-22
Amy Cannata		3429 W 2nd Ave	My toddler loves the wildflowers here	10-10-22
Ralph Yoder		1828 W Ave Apt H	Keep the Park	10-10-22
Steven Barretas		822 S. GREENE ST.	No to Underhill	10 11/22
Eric Harvey		2316 e Southgate	No to underhill Dog PARK	10/11/22