



May 22, 2008

Nancy Malvin
Bellevue, WA

Dear Ms. Malvin,

Thank you for your off-leash area suggestions for Downtown Park. We appreciate your interest in this issue and want you to know we are continuing to explore opportunities and options for pets, not only in Downtown Park, but throughout the Bellevue Park system.

Recent changes in Bellevue, particularly downtown, are having a profound impact on community demographics which prompts us to continually look at ways to meet the changing needs of our residents. To that end, we are currently analyzing a number of options to help create opportunities for pet owners such as yourself. It is important to us as stewards of the park system to consider resident input seriously and serve all our park constituents fairly. When we make changes to our parks, we strive to be sensitive to the needs of all park users, and we carefully study impacts of new uses so as to not displace existing uses and users in the process.

We are currently analyzing potential impacts of expanding pet opportunities in the park system. In order to be thorough and fair to all park patrons, our planning efforts will take some time to complete. As progress is made there will be an opportunity for you to have further input. Contacts for the project are Jerry Nissley, Resource Manager, 425-452-2929 and Brian Krause, Capital Projects Coordinator, 425-452-6992. I have asked them to follow-up with you directly.

Thank you again for sharing your ideas with us.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director

cc: Jerry Nissley, Resource Manager
Brian Krause, Capital Projects Coordinator

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TO: Mr. Patrick Foran
Downtown Bellevue Development

Dear Mr. Foran:

I am writing to you on behalf of a large constituency of Bellevue Residents who bring their dogs to the Downtown Bellevue Park almost everyday. We enjoy recreating with our pets, socializing with other members of the Bellevue Community, and getting to know our neighbors' families and friends. Recreation with our dogs is an important form of exercise with many added health benefits. It is a growing "sport" and deserves the attention of the Parks and Recreations Department. On any given day, there are upwards of 500 dog owners/sitters who have used the Downtown Park for the purpose of recreation with their pets. And, since Downtown Bellevue is growing rapidly with the construction of many many new housing units, this sport will only continue to become increasingly significant and important.

As you know, the Downtown Bellevue Park is an animal ON LEASH ONLY park. This ordinance has been brought to our attention by the Parks and Recreation Personnel as well as the Bellevue Police Dept. due to violations of the ON LEASH ONLY ordinance and complaints filed from other park goers who have had "run-ins" with dog owners and their pets.

It is our mission (please refer to our website: <http://bellevuedogs.org> for an in-depth description) to keep the peace between both parties by creating a designated area or Smallish Puppy Park so that dog recreators can safely enjoy the benefits of this OFF LEASH sport while in the park and the other park goers can also feel safe to be in the park without being exposed to danger.

Our group has put together a proposal, for your consideration as well as for the City Council, including alternatives. We have also obtained approximately 200+ signatures from Bellevue Residents ONLY in support of our plight to create a designated Small Dog Puppy Park in the Downtown Bellevue Park. Can we meet or discuss this proposal so that I may obtain your help in this matter? Any advice/suggestions would be greatly appreciated by me, in addition to our group at large and the many doggy owners who enjoy recreating with them....a sport that we are naming "K-nining"!

Thank you for your attention and consideration in this matter,

Sincerely,

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P.S. If this matter has already been taken under your and the Council's consideration, our constituency would absolutely wish to be included in whatever discussions are taking place so that we may be heard and our proposals equally considered.