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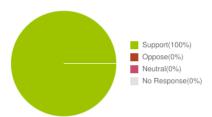
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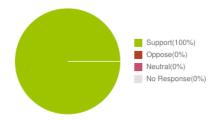
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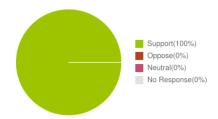
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Gail Milbrath

Location:

Submitted At: 12:48am 03-14-24

Runway Dog Exercise Replacement Park? Questions for the Committee on Finance that need answers. Patrons of Milwaukee County Dog Parks have been waiting for the new replacement park. Now it appears to be removed from consideration with no public explanation from the Committee on Finance. Our various County Supervisors have been contacted in person, via email and telephone. Town Hall meetings attended with feed back given to David Crowley. Interviews given to CBS 58 news regarding the closing and waiting for the new park. Ryan Clancy formally requested this item to be placed on todays agenda to allow for public input but without success.

This committee must not realize the urgent park concerns of the humans using these deteriorating, frequently closed, tiny, muddy remaining Dog Parks. Combining the patrons from the closed 26 acre Runway park into the already busy Warnimont Dog Park of only 5 acres is not a safe alternative. Since the trails are consistently muddy slip n slides, many humans tend to stay in the front general area. I can testify to providing first aide to bloody human and canine participants who find the front area confining and sometimes dangerous due to overcrowding. Does the Committee on Finance realize we pay for our permits to use 6 parks yet 4 of the 6 parks are frequently shut down for weeks and months? We are not given refunds when these yearly closings happen. This committee needs to know our true cost to use these parks, the condition they are in and what needs to be done for the human taxpayers trying to exercise along with their dogs in these off leash Dog parks. For many patrons, bringing their pets here before or after work is a big part of positive mental health for the owners and furry family members. However, as someone with a hidden disability, trying to walk along with my besty fur pal can be anxiety producing due to the large mud puddles, slippery ankle deep mud pathways, dead or dying diseased trees falling next to and even above the walking paths really detracts from the benefits of nature, good exercise and mental health. As a Milwaukee retiree this is a lowering of my quality of life in Milwaukee. Now a little Finance for you to consider. I pay

- -over \$4000. In property taxes, not sure how much goes to the Mke county parks system
- -approx \$200. for vet visit to get rabies (and other vaccines) shot in order to buy
- -city tag for my dog in order to buy my
- -yearly dog park tag
- -volunteer hours pulling and removing invasive plants to help keep the walkways open
- -have taken monetary collections to help offset the cost patrons spend on 2×4's, nails and pvc pipe brought in and built by volunteers to try to make the paths passable. Please stop stalling the much needed and wanted replacement dog park. Myself and other human taxpaying good citizens are doing more than our fair share. We also let the Parks folks know our choices for the new park to be set up via their posted map. Now we need the fences put up, garbage cans with waste bags brought in drop off a porta potty and a plan for cutting the grass to be put in place. The Parks depart. knows how to do these things. Now for wants. Add a water element so the dogs and their humans can stop bringing in plastic water bottles. An actual paved path so those of us with disabilities or older bodies can be safe like in regular parks. Perhaps even some park lighting so we don't need to remember our flashlights at sun down. By the way, what is the percentage of Milw County householfs with dogs? Do you really know how many tax payers are affected by the lack of or low quality of our dog parks? Please get the replacement park back in the current budget and get it done. No stalling, no excuses. ***And by all means, please visit these dog parks and observe the conditions yourself before cutting them from our budget. Thank you. GMM