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Subject: [e] \$800K for a Dog Park that adds a continuous expense to the City

Mr. Kerr,

An investment?

Have you asked your Finance Director for what the ongoing costs for this will be? That is a standard finance practice that he isn't doing. You are on record as saying he does such a good job - if not providing this basic financial information is a good job to you we have bigger problems.

This is not an investment. This is something that will immediately begin to depreciate and need continuous maintenance and funding to keep it up to date.

Those expensive sails will deteriorate, fade, and rip so that huge cost is a recurring cost. That is not an investment. That is an ongoing expense that you are committing the City to.

Have you done the math? This project is \$400 per taxpayer in the City. Are you serious? I'm a dog lover but I don't want the City spending \$400 of my money on a dog park. I want to see lower taxes before we do this.

Since when do we allow non-residents with personal financial interest in how the City spends our tax money to speak at BOC meetings? Shameful.

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"This is a great idea,"
Vice Mayor Ray Kerr. "I like
this as an investment. We
hold special events and look for
sponsors to help with the cost."

"I love it, and I don't
have a dog," said Commis-
sioner Anne-Marie Brooks.
She said there is a big sign
at the entry to Madeira Beach
that says "No dogs allowed on
beach," and the dog park
provides a nice alternative

Mayor Jim Rostek
tioned the costs, which

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