
Hatley Ball Parks?

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I received the attached on my front porch this Sunday referencing a pending vote on Hatley Fields 3,4,5 and to submit mine to your emails by 12:00 midnight. In the flyer, 4 options are presented - are these officially sanctioned by RW Council and company? There is nothing to represent that - no RW logo or address. It seems suspicious and misleading so I am writing to let you know.

Personally, as a resident since 1999, I am surprised, there isn't a consideration for having no dog park. How did we get here in the first place? The fields are for the kids and families and that should be the priority. I may be mistaken but I believe that was revealed by the community survey some years back. We have always had dogs in RW and they did not require their own space. We live on large lots and in a wooded area perfect for walking your dog. We are also next to Zilker which has plenty of dog park space - both on and off leash. I suspect those who dropped this off on our porch are rallying to not only have a dog park but expand it because they don't want the inconvenience of driving their dog(s) to an Austin park where it not only costs to park but spaces are not always available, convenient or safe to leave your vehicle. You are also required to clean up after your dog. And, if you don't, you will get some kind and not so kind insight into the practice by your fellow dog park attendees.

Rather than making the space bigger and with paved parking, I would suggest we make the dog park smaller, enforce the common courtesy of cleaning up after your dog, and don't make parking easier by paving. We are already providing a huge convenience namely: Parking is free, secure and your car likely will not be broken into or vandalized. You can't get that at any Austin Park. I do know we don't need to increase the number of folks outside our community who are enjoying our amenities for free. I also believe that expanding the existing "Dog Park" options will only increase it. We are a city and we can not dictate who uses our spaces but given the elements as presented, it seems that elected officials/volunteer committee members who have studied this subject with more detail and need to set the record straight.