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To whom it may concern,

We're new to the area and love the community parks. With young kids, it was one of the big reasons we chose Rollingwood. As we've started meeting people in the neighborhood, we've heard a lot of concern about the current setup at Hatley Field, especially the overlap between the dog area and the ball fields.

In our previous city, kids' sports spaces and dog parks were always separate, and pets weren't allowed on public grass fields at all. It created a clean, safe environment for families. Right now, having both share the same space seems like a major health issue, and it seems important to address that before moving forward with major expenses for irrigation, parking, or landscaping.

Given the open areas surrounding the existing ball fields, it feels like there should be a practical solution that creates a proper dog park while preserving a safe, dedicated space for kids' sports. From what I understand, that's also how the fields were originally intended to be used based on the donated land. I ask that this topic is properly discussed and brought up before moving forward with any new work associated with the park.

Thanks for your time,

Justin Valashinas
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