

Dog Park

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express how important it is to our community that the Rollingwood dog park remain open and accessible. This space has become an essential part of daily life for dog owners, families, and neighbors who value a safe, welcoming environment for both pets and people.

There have recently been concerns raised by some Little League parents suggesting that sharing the field with the dog park is impacting children's play and health. While I understand the desire to ensure a safe environment for young athletes, it's important to note that there has never been a documented case of a child's health being negatively affected simply by being in a dog park. Responsible owners in our community are diligent about leash laws, vaccinations, cleaning up after their pets, and maintaining the park to a high standard.

The dog park serves a vital purpose: it provides dogs with a safe, fenced-in area to exercise, socialize, and burn energy, reducing behavioral problems and helping keep pets—and the community—safe. Beyond that, the park has become a gathering place for neighbors who may never have met otherwise. The relationships built there have turned into genuine friendships, creating a stronger, more connected Rollingwood.

This space supports physical health, mental well-being, and community bonding. It is possible—and entirely reasonable—for the ball fields and the dog park to coexist with proper scheduling and mutual respect. Removing or restricting the dog park would take away far more than a patch of grass; it would dismantle an important part of what makes Rollingwood feel like a community.

I strongly urge you to keep the Rollingwood dog park open and preserve this valuable resource that benefits so many.

Please forward this email to Council, RCDC and the Parks Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
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