
Hatley Fields - Support for separate dedicated dog park space (Option C - 0.4 acres)

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Dear City Council Members,

I am pleased to hear that the use and condition of Hatley Fields 3, 4, and 5 / the dog park is being considered at the Council. As a dog owner, parent, and regular user of our special neighborhood parks, I am hopeful we can find a solution that better meets the needs of all community members. As it stands, the joint-use model is simply not accomplishing this.

I fully support having a dedicated space for neighborhood dogs (and their owners!) to play. However, I believe it needs to be exactly that - **a dedicated, separate space**. The current setup has left the fields extremely worn down and unsanitary. It is hard to imagine our children rolling around during little league practice on the same field that, just moments prior, functioned as an approved space for dogs to relieve themselves.

This large green space has so much potential to serve the entire community, but right now it can only operate as a dog park... or as a very unpleasant ballfield. I support a solution that designates a **smaller, defined portion of the field or parking lot as the dog park**, while restoring the remainder for youth sports and community events. This preserves a dog-friendly area while making the majority of the field cleaner, safer, and far more usable for everyone.

Thank you for considering this balanced approach.

I would also like to raise a separate idea: my husband and I have long thought that the open green space where Rollingwood Drive meets the MoPac feeder could serve as an excellent location for a dedicated dog park. My understanding is that this land is currently owned by the City of Austin, not Rollingwood, but perhaps there is an opportunity for collaboration or shared use that could benefit both communities.

Thank you again for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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