

KLAMATH FALLS CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION DOG PARK PRESENTATION

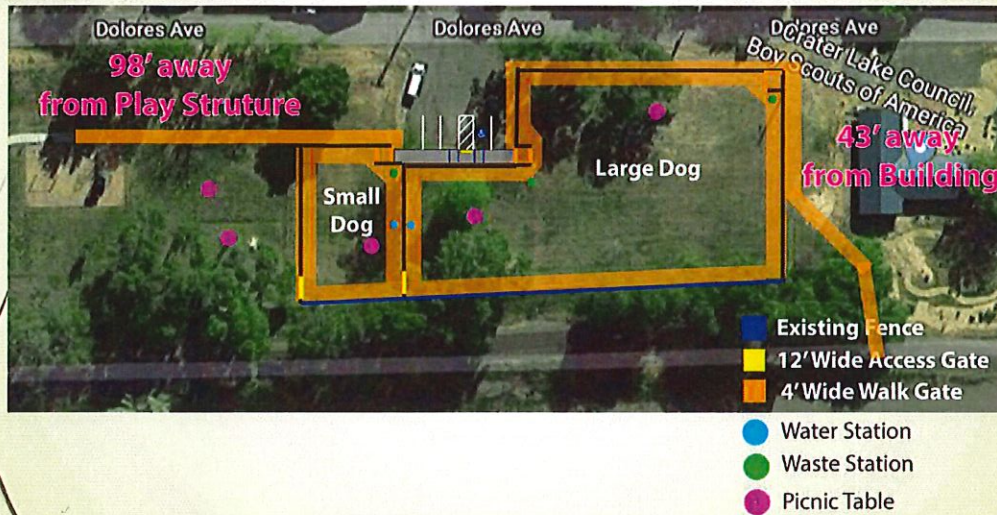
- MUCH OF THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION WAS GIVEN BY KLAMATH FALLS DOG PARKS ASSOCIATIONS MEMBERS AT THE PUBLIC MEETING ON 12/10/18 AT ROOSEVELT SCHOOL
- CITY STAFF WAS PRESENT DURING THE MEETING AS WELL.

DOG PARK

PLAN PROPOSAL

(KIT CARSON PARK)

Dog Park Site Proposal

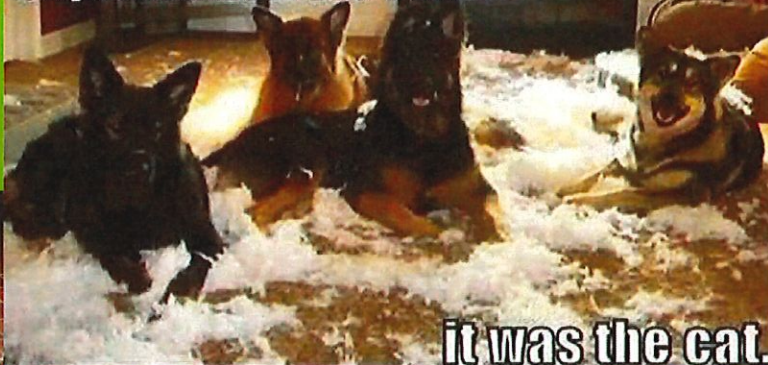


Much like our children... our dogs need a safe place to run and play with friends!



When dogs get the adequate physical and mental exercise they need, there is a noticeable decrease in the level of troublesome and undesirable behaviors.....

I know this looks bad, but we got a perfectly good explanation for it...

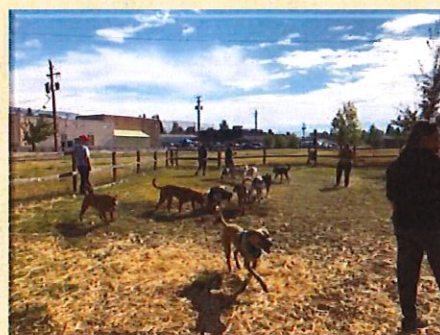


it was the cat.

...Tired Dogs are Good Dogs!



Dogs Parks are not just great for dogs.....
We Gather
We Socialize
We Share Idea
We collaborate
We are building community!





- The popularity of dog parks is growing with no indications of slowing down.
- According to recent studies over a third of ALL US households have one or more dogs. Recent market research conducted by "Packaged Facts" shows that dog ownership has increase by 29% in the last decade Nationwide.
- Our friends in neighboring Bend get to boast the title of #1 city in the entire country for dog ownership...Portland comes in at #5 w/5.4 parks per 100,000 residents.
- All surrounding cities to us have one or more dog parks. Medford, Eugene, Bend, Tigard, and Portland to name a few.

We are not expecting to “compete” for these titles, and we certainly are not looking to become the “next Bend”. We love OUR city and believe this amenity will add value to our existing residents and to those possibly looking to relocate here. According to SunTrust Mortgage online survey in 2017 studies show that 1/3 of people ages 18-36 who purchased their first homes indicated that “finding better space for a dog was a primary motivator.” These statistics are a clear indication of what people are looking for and seeking out in areas they are looking to settle down in.



Q: How many parks are in the city limits of Klamath Falls?

A: The city parks system consists of
30 areas totaling 700 acres.

Q: How many of those parks offer ANY kind of off leash area for dogs to play and exercise?

A: None

Multiple sources and studies are concluding that:

- Walking Trails
- Children's Play Areas
- Dog Parks

Are among the TOP amenities sought after by home purchasers.

In this proposal we are just looking for a small piece of park for the benefit of ourselves and our dogs to enjoy together!



**Based on Parks Master Plan
Community outreach efforts, it
was revealed that dog parks are
considered highly popular and a
desired amenity**



**Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention**

CDC studies have shown that a bond between people and their pets can:

Increase fitness

Lower stress

And bring happiness to their owners

Some of the health benefits include:

Decreased blood pressure

Decreased cholesterol levels

Decreased feelings of loneliness

Increased opportunities for exercise

Increased opportunities for socialization





Having a dog gets people out of the house and moving, interacting with others, and can help increase health.

We are all aging....having a safe / accessible place to bring our beloved dogs to socialize and exercise is an amenity that can add tremendous value to our lives and the lives of our companions.



Our new dog park proposal includes ADA access so everyone can come and enjoy this space with their companions.

Let's help keep our sports parks cleaner by offering an "Off-Leash" area as an alternative to the current areas people are now using.



This will help keep our sports fields and spaces cleaner, more desirable, and safer for everyone!

Working Together...

- City of Klamath Falls
- Klamath Falls Dog Parks Association
- Grassroots Community of dog owners & lovers through park usage & volunteerism

... and Building Community



Community Partnership

KFDPA Mission Statement:

"Supporting positive interaction between dogs, dog owners, and the surrounding community by advocating for community off leash dog parks and public dog friendly spaces while promoting responsible dog ownership."

What the partnership with the KFDPA offers:

- Light Maintenance
- Keeping the park clean and looking nice
- Waste removal
- Tons of volunteers to help when there is a need!

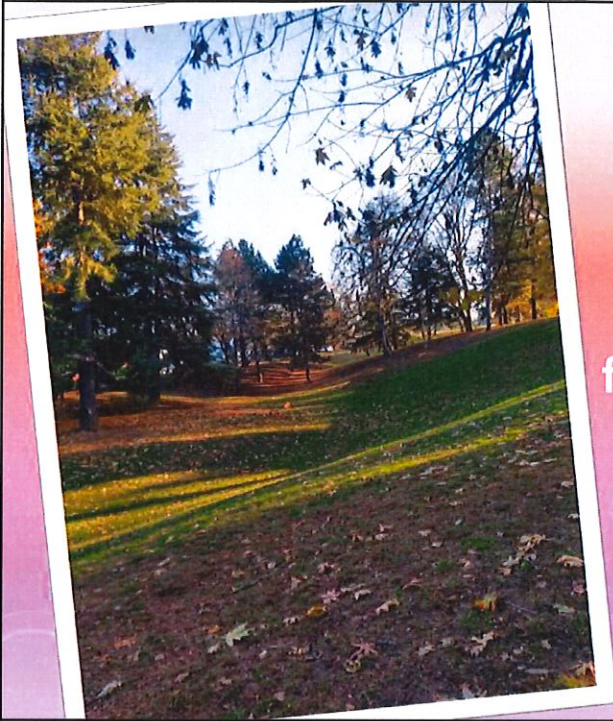


Community Partnership!

► What is a Dog Park?

- A place for dogs to come socialize and exercise in a safe and supervised environment off-leash.
- A place for dog owners to gather with other like minded dog lovers/owners.
- An amenity to the community's residents and people passing through our city and/or visiting family in town.
- An off-leash place that is offered to people in leu of using areas that are meant for dogs to be leashed. Offers a more controlled environment and containment....allowing for better opportunity to monitor activity and keep pet waste picked up and disposed of.





This is a picture taken just a few weeks ago at Fernhill Park in Portland.

This is an off-leash and fenceless park for our dogs playing and running pleasure.

Beautiful!

It is noteworthy that the National Recreation and Parks Association reports in Nov. 2018 that in many urban areas where space for these parks are limited and at a premium....and with need and demand growing, dog parks are sprouting up at a faster rate than other park types. Those municipalities are responding by providing pop-up dog spaces in under utilized alleys, rooftops, and other creative spaces.



In the same report the findings showed that “the lack of a dog park correlated with the lower park usage rates among residents over the age of 50. Moreover, young families, ages 25-49, with low park-usage rates noted both dogs off their leashes and the lack of maintenance by dog owners as key drivers for them steering clear of the park.”

Creating designated spaces for off leash use and with the collaboration and supportive organizations like the KFDPA and volunteers in the community we CAN create safer spaces for families to enjoy!

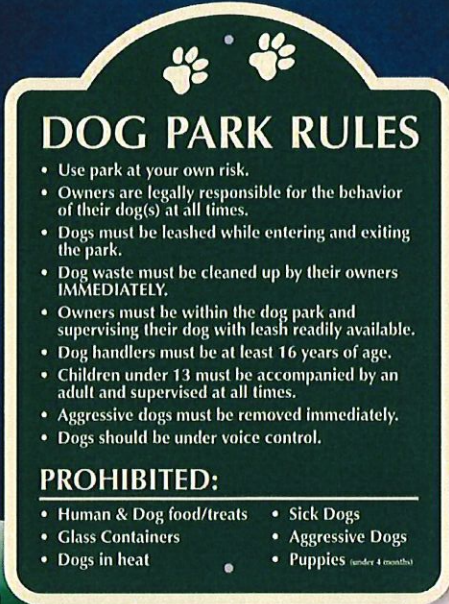
Dog Parks are needed...lets work together to make it work for our community!

• What a Dog Park is NOT...

- It is NOT a dumping ground for unsupervised dogs. People are bringing their dogs for exercise and are supervising them at all times.
- It is NOT a place that is filled with poop and not taken care of or well maintained. We want a nice, clean, and desirable space just as much as anyone.
- It is NOT open 24/7. Dog Parks come with posted rules and the people using the park are great about following them because they see the park as invaluable and don't want to lose these spaces.



**PLEASE BE A
GOOD NEIGHBOR**
CLEAN UP
AFTER YOUR DOG



DOG PARK RULES

- Use park at your own risk.
- Owners are legally responsible for the behavior of their dog(s) at all times.
- Dogs must be leashed while entering and exiting the park.
- Dog waste must be cleaned up by their owners IMMEDIATELY.
- Owners must be within the dog park and supervising their dog with leash readily available.
- Dog handlers must be at least 16 years of age.
- Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.
- Aggressive dogs must be removed immediately.
- Dogs should be under voice control.

PROHIBITED:

- Human & Dog food/treats
- Sick Dogs
- Glass Containers
- Aggressive Dogs
- Dogs in heat
- Puppies (under 4 months)



**NO SMOKING
OR
VAPING**



**HOURS
OF OPERATION**





PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORTS

- In September 2018 Klamath Falls Dog Parks Association (KFDDPA) sent out a flyer to the neighborhood residents along Melrose, Portland, Delores, and Manzanita up to but did not include Eldorado. The flyer let them know of our proposal in the first location between Portland and Melrose in the large grassy area along the Crater Lake Pkwy. Of the 40+ flyers that were mailed we only received one resident that had concerns and suggested the park be located a little further up on the other side of the Boy Scout building.
- After further discussion with the City and Parks Advisory Board and exploration of other possible locations, the proposed location changed to its current spot at the end of Fremont between the Boy Scout office and the older play structure. We reached back out to the concerned citizen and later received a very nice and fully supportive email.
- Other steps taken to inform and engage the neighborhood and community:
- Nov. 2018 Herald & News ran a story about the possibility of a dog park and mentioned the community meeting that we had planned for December 10, 2018
- Nov. 2018 KFDDPA created a Facebook event about the Community Meeting to be held on 12/10 and shared it often to several groups, the KFDDPA Page, and on some of our personal FB pages
- Nov. 2018 (Thanksgiving Weekend) We mailed out 100+ more flyers to all residents (and Homeowners if a rental) from that section of Eldorado, Leroy, Manzanita, Portland, and Delores. This flyer again explained the proposal briefly and invited them to attend the Community Meeting to be held at Roosevelt Elementary on 12/10/18 for more information and discussion.
- 12/10/18 Community Meeting at Roosevelt Elementary School @ 6:00pm. A little more than 40 people were in attendance. We gave a PP Presentation and had attendees fill out an "Input Card". Everyone there filled one out and ALL but one person marked in "Full Support" of this project. The one person that did not....marked as "neutral". It is note worthy that he is also a resident of Dairy not Klamath Falls City. In addition to comments received at the meeting, we received an additional 10 or so emails from community members also giving their support to the park. A couple of the emails were received from outside the area we covered with our mailers.

Before you leave tonight PLEASE take a moment to fill out one of these "Input Cards" ...at the very least please check a box for your level of support so that we can get an idea of the temperature for this project.

Your input and comments are very important to us and we appreciate your feedback!

PUBLIC INPUT CARD	
Project Name: <u>Proposed Dog Park (Kit Carson)</u>	
Property Owners Name: _____	
Property Address: _____	
Telephone Number: _____	Email Address: _____
	
Please Check	Comments
☐ I support this project	
☐ Neutral/Undecided	
☐ I have concerns	
☐ I would like to be contacted to discuss my concerns/questions further	
Your input is important to us - Thank you!	

Dog Park Site Proposal

