

ANIMAL AND DOG PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, June 5, 2020

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Meeting held Outdoors at Potential Dog Park Locations

Met at: Crown Street Park 'n Ride lot, 25 Crown Street

Then went to: Millyard lot, Pine Street Extension

Masks were worn and social distancing was practiced

Minutes

Attendees	
Committee Members:	
Bob Langis, Animal Control Officer	✓
Becky Longval, Nashua Humane Society Representative	✓
June Lemam, Community Member (Vice-Chair)	✓
Amber Logue, Community Member (Chair)	✓
Megan Villacis, Community Member	✓
Tom Lopez, Board of Aldermen	
Patricia Klee, Board of Aldermen Alternate Member	✓
Staff:	
Nick Caggiano, Parks and Recreation Superintendent	✓
Deb Chisholm, Waterways Manager	✓
Julie Chizmas, Transportation & Long-Range Planner	✓
Cheryl Lindner, Chief of Staff	
Sarah Marchant, Community Development Director	
Cecilia Ulibarri, Mayor's Liaison	

1. Adoption of the May 1, 2020 meeting minutes

- Moved: Amber Logue
- Seconded: June Lemam
- Voting members in favor: Alderwoman Klee abstained; other members in attendance approved

2. Non-site visit related discussion

Before discussing pros and cons of the Crown Street Park 'n Ride site as a potential dog park, the following two topics were discussed:

- Bob shared the attached report on ACO calls, noting the marked increase in At Large and Wildlife calls as the weather has improved.
- Becky spoke about emerging issues with roosters, which Nashua's Urban Chicken rules do not allow. The gist of the issue is: like all strays, stray roosters are picked up by the ACO and brought

to the Shelter. The Shelter is required to test the roosters for disease and house them while waiting for results, which can take over a week. However, the Shelter is also not supposed to keep roosters and has received complaints from neighbors. Potential solutions discussed:

- The shelter gets a permit to temporarily house roosters during the testing phase
- Construct a coop on a property that allows roosters (Sullivan Farms?)

3. Potential Dog Park Location Site Visit #1: Crown Street Park 'n Ride @ 25 Crown Street

The following comments and observations were made at the Crown Street site:

- City-Owned
- Heritage Rail Trail East (under construction) will terminate at Denton Street which is within close proximity to site
- Good parking for drive-in visitors
- Not as "downtown" as Pine Street, but would serve many residential properties in the Crown Street neighborhood
- There is an existing 6' chain link fence along northeast side of property that appears to have been installed when the Park and Ride lot was constructed. Julie to look into before next meeting.
- Could likely tap into existing water and electrical lines
- Could help with dog issues at park behind Dr. Crisp Elementary (Roussel/Gardner Fields)
- Amber spoke with Makelt Labs and they are supportive but noted additional lighting would be needed and the gate to Mill St would need to remain locked
- Close to Mill St/Gilles Street properties
- May have a 10± year life span
 - Slated to be a train station if passenger rail comes to NH
 - Commercial uses could compete for space

4. Potential Dog Park Location Site Visit #2: Millyard @ Pine Street Extension

The following comments and observations were made at the Pine Street extension site:

- Not City-owned
- Located in flood plain subject to occasional flooding.
 - Deb will have Flood Maps for next meeting.
 - Would need to have policy in place that if there is flood potential, park could need to be cleaned and closed for duration of event.
 - Might be buggy.
 - May still be suitable for dog park but not necessarily for commercial development.
- Would need to allocate some space for parking
- Would need to design park around existing cell tower infrastructure
- No water – may be cheapest to drill well (would need to be winterized so no water part of year)
- Not sure on electrical access
- Not a lot of trees so would need to build shade structure/pergola

- Footpath along east side of property needs to be preserved (unless it's not supposed to be there? Connects to ped bridge and looks very well worn.).
- Don't want to negatively impact the homeless who use the area
- Not very visible from street – would that be an issue?
- United Way uses space for Blizzard Blast

5. Next steps

- Nick feels both sites are feasible
- Committee members to email their pros and cons for each site to Julie and/or Amber for discussion at the next meeting
- Amber to speak to Alderwoman Caron about Crown Street
- Julie to talk to Parking/Econ Dev about plans for future use of Crown Street

Motion made to adjourn (Amber Logue) and seconded (Alderwoman Klee). All were in favor and meeting adjourned at 9:05 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Friday, July 10th at 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM via WebEx (moved out a week as regularly scheduled meeting falls on July 3rd, which is a federal holiday)

Minutes by: Julie Chizmas

