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October 5, 2001

Mayor Kerry Donley
City of Alexandria
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

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Sincerely,

Kimberlie MacDonald

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ORIGINAL PLAN

FOR

CHETWORTH
PARK

9/92.

CHETWORTH PARK
DESIGN PRINCIPLES

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OVERVIEW: Chetworth Park is a City of Alexandria park, meant to serve the needs of City residents, primarily but not exclusively in the area served by the Northeast Citizens Association.

The Northeast Citizens Association, operating as the legal partner with the City under the Adopt-a-Park Program, will determine how the park is developed and maintained, in accordance with applicable City policies. The Northeast area is bounded on the north by Slaters Lane, on the south by First Street, on the east by George Washington Parkway/Washington Street, and on the west by Route 1.

ARCHITECTURAL PARK DESIGN: LOW PROFILE AND NESTLED Chetworth Park is a low-profile park, nestled in a nook area of the Northeast neighborhood, featuring natural wood accents. The park is and will continue to be designed to meet the safety standards adopted by the City of Alexandria Parks and Recreation Department. The park is and will continue to be designed to take advantage of crime-prevention planning techniques.

SOCIAL & RECREATIONAL DESIGN: AS A MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY PARK The park has been and will continue to be developed and maintained in a manner that serves the recreational interests of all residents. Therefore, it is meant to be a park for the whole community, yet with multiple purposes. The park has open space, a tot lot with fixed play equipment, benches, and garden plantings. It is meant to meet the needs of different park users: families, couples, singles, children, pet-owners, long-time residents, new residents, those whose homes border the park and those whose homes do not, visitors, etc. Some illustrations of the park's purposes include (but are not limited to) as:

- o open space to walk and run in;
- o tot lot for kids;
- o places to sit and have conversations;
- o places to enjoy trees and flowers;
- o places for supervised pets;
- o space that brings together the Northeast neighborhood for neighborhood-building activities;
- o and as a fun place for all citizens.

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The tot lot area shall be in full compliance with all applicable City of Alexandria safety standards for play areas and shall be compatible with the multi-purpose design of the park.

MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY PRINCIPLE: ALL NEIGHBORS TAKE CARE OF IT It has been and will continue to be the mutual responsibility of all Northeast residents who use the park to join in the cleanup of the park and the overall supervision of the park. Pet owners bear a responsibility to supervise their pets and pick up after their pets, as is provided. Parents bear a responsibility to keep an eye on their children for safety concerns and for the protection of the park's trees and landscaping. Chetworth Park is meant for neighbors to meet and get to know neighbors, so each neighbor is encouraged to extend her/himself to other neighbors.

Chetworth Park is a place to grow...for some to grow up, for some to grow old. It is a place for bonds between neighbors to grow. Changes to the park must be done in a manner sensitive to the benefit of all neighbors.

MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES: The City of Alexandria Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the general maintenance of Chetworth Park, such as weeding, watering, mowing, repairs and other such landscaping responsibilities. Under the Adopt-A-Park Program, the Northeast Citizens Association is responsible for cleanup activities in the park, in accordance with an agreement signed with the City. The Children's Coop is the lead group for park cleanup.

DISCOURAGED USES: Because Chetworth Park is a small park with multiple purposes, it shall not be designed for use as a basketball court, baseball diamond, tennis court, or football field. Organized sports activities are more suitable at City recreational sites designated for such purposes. However, playing catch with balls and similar games which do not require large fixed spaces is permitted. There also shall not be any barbecue fixtures used in the park, except as may be sponsored by the Northeast Citizens Association for neighborhood gatherings in accordance with the policies of the Park and Recreation Department and the Fire Department.

ADOPT-A-PARK FUNDS: Funds derived from the Adopt-a-Park Program for Chetworth Park are provided by the City of Alexandria to the Northeast Citizens Association. The Association may use such funds for the improvement of the park as well as for any other Association neighborhood-serving purposes.

Agreed to by the Association on September 23, 1992



ALEXANDRIA HEALTH DEPARTMENT

517 North Saint Asaph Street
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IN COOPERATION WITH THE
STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Charles Konigsberg, Jr., M. D., M. P. H.
District Health Officer

April 2, 2001

Patricia A. McManus
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Department of recreation, Parks and Cultural Services
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Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3999

Dear Ms. McManus:

Pursuant to your letter of March 28, 2001 regarding Chetworth Park the following information is provided:

The location of a dog exercise area adjacent to a children's playground is not good public health practice. Dogs are reservoirs for several diseases communicable to humans, especially ringworm and Toxocariasis spread through contact with feces and to a lesser extent Leptospirosis spread through urine. The existence of poorly drained soil would exacerbate possible exposure to both feces and urine and would also hamper proper cleaning of the area. Naturally, the more dogs and cats that use the area, the greater the risk of exposure.

Surface materials must be of such a nature as to facilitate proper cleaning of the area. Proper drainage is of the utmost importance. All dog parks in the City would be subject to the same dangers of disease transmission but those adjacent to areas where children gather would be more so. It is critical that these areas are cleaned of all dog feces as often as possible to preclude the transmission of disease.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Frank Dickman at 703-838.4400 ext. 262.

Sincerely

Frank Dickman
Acting Environmental Health Director

Copy: Dr. C. Konigsberg, Health Director



City of Alexandria, Virginia

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Member of Council

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June 12, 2001

Dear Ms. Smith,

Thank you for your letter concerning Chetworth Park. I have enclosed a copy of Ms. Whitmore's response.

I agree with many of your cited reasons for Chetworth Park to not be designated as a "dog park". It is far too small to accommodate the current issues. During the City Council hearings on dog parks conducted last fall, I stated my dissatisfaction with the decision to use Chetworth Park as a dog park and your letter, along with the various complaints from your neighbors confirm my stance.

I am very much in favor of restoring the park for full community use with perhaps a "leash only" rule for dogs in this area. I will be pleased to support your position on Chetworth Park when the matter comes before City Council again.

Thank you again for taking the time and effort to keep me informed on this issue of importance to your neighborhood.

Best Regards,

Claire M. Eberwein
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"Home Town of George Washington and Robert E. Lee"



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June 12, 2001

Ms. Barbara Smith
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San Diego, California 92127

Dear Ms. Smith:

I know you have heard from Judy Noritaki about the Chetworth dog exercise area. I am enclosing a copy of the response I asked for from Sandra Whitmore, Director of Parks and Recreation. As you know, staff is working on the situation, and they are closely monitoring the park area. Please keep me informed, and if needs be, we can examine other ways to resolve the problem that will satisfy the Chetworth community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Euille".

William D. Euille
Member of Council

"Home Town of George Washington and Robert E. Lee"

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JUNE 5, 2001

TO: COUNCILMAN WILLIAM D. EUILLE

THROUGH: ROSE WILLIAMS BOYD, ^{*R*}DIRECTOR
CITIZEN ASSISTANCE

FROM: SANDRA WHITMORE, DIRECTOR ^{*SW*}
RECREATION, PARKS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: CHETWORTH DOG PARK
(COUNCIL REQUEST #01-46E)

This is in response to your request for staff response to a letter from Barbara Smith concerning the Chetworth fenced dog park. Ms. Smith raises concerns regarding the size and location of the dog area, condition of the park, and health concerns. She requested that the park be restored to its prior designation.

By way of background, during the development of the Master Plan for Fenced Dog Parks and Dog Exercise Areas in 2000, the Park and Recreation Commission recommended that the fenced dog park at Chetworth Park be eliminated when an alternative site is located. There were several reasons for this recommendation, including, but not limited to: proximity to neighbors, the small size of the fenced dog park, and the neighborhood controversy the dog park has caused. At the September 16, 2000 City Council Public Hearing on the Master Plan, a group of neighbors of Chetworth Park spoke in support of keeping this off-leash area open. Council modified the Master Plan to state that the area would remain open, until additional fenced off-leash areas are opened in Potomac Yard and/or another nearby location, at which time the fenced dog park at Chetworth will be reevaluated. The Master Plan as amended was approved by City Council on September 27, 2000.

On May 16, 2001, staff met with the Northeast Civic Association to discuss the fenced dog park at Chetworth. There was heated discussion at the meeting regarding the dog area and the amount of area allotted for children versus the dog area. Currently, 60% of the park is used in the fenced dog park, and 40% is used as the children's playground. Staff agreed to make several interim improvements to the fenced area to make the area safer for both the children and families as well as the dog users. This fenced dog park is being closely monitored by staff to ensure a safe

environment for all users of Chetworth park.

Attached is a copy of the Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission Judy Noritake's response to an e-mail she received from Barbara and Bill Smith regarding Chetworth Park.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (703) 838-4842.

Attachment: May 8, 2001 e-mail from Judy Noritake, Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission to Bill and Barbara Smith

cc: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Philip Sunderland, City Manager

May 8, 2001

Dear Bill and Barbara;

I want to thank you for your letter regarding the dog use at Chetworth Park. I agree with every point you have made and I share your concerns. I will also tell you that Chetworth Park is not the only designated dog use area that is literally being loved to death by dog owners and their pets. Let me give you a little background on the whole issue and then what steps we are planning to take at Chetworth.

> The increasing trend toward dog ownership in highly urbanized areas is not unique to Alexandria, but it is evident across the country. More people are owning dogs for companionship and security, particularly professional women who live alone - that is a demographic group that is much larger in Alexandria than in most cities.

> The trend is also to own larger breeds which need more exercise and more space to do that. I think 20 years ago you might have seen most people that live in Old Town with dogs that weighed 20 pounds walking on leash down King Street. Now most of them weigh 75 and there are two in the house so the first one is not lonely during the day while the owners are at work. I may be stretching it here a bit, but not much. And here I must disclose that I too live in Old Town with a mutt I got from the shelter that weighs 75 lbs - but I have a 120 ft long, narrow courtyard that's a great place to romp and I work where I live so I'm around all day.

> The other issue compounding this is all the infill development that has occurred in the Old Town section of the city in the last five years. There are lots of new town house units all over the area and many of these folks have dogs. In addition, there has been a tremendous increase in professional dog walking services, something many working people in Old Town pay for on a daily basis. Many of these folks would not have considered dog ownership in times past because they were gone all day, but now someone comes in and takes your dog out for you. This simple supply and demand equation has had huge implications for our parks.

> As more dogs came to town, many of the areas traditionally used for dog exercise began to prohibit them, precisely because there got to be too many. The Masonic Temple grounds at the end of King Street was a well used meeting area for folks from the neighborhood to let dogs romp off-leash. But it's private and there got to be too many dogs and the Masonic Temple asked them all to leave. I don't know where they went, but about the same time we started getting an increasing number of complaints about off-leash dogs conflicting with the soccer fields and kids soccer team practices and games at Jones Point Park under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. And it wasn't just the city getting the calls, the National Park Service got them, too. They own the park and the City leases it from them. Turns out off leash dog use in that park is a real live federal case. The NPS said there wouldn't be anymore off leash use in Jones Point either.

> It was at that point the Park and Recreation Department Director, Sandra Whitmore, and I decided we needed to have a city-wide policy for dogs in our parks and for dog parks. We started a public process about two years ago to write a master plan that was adopted by the Council. The Mayor is fond of saying the hearings the Commission held and the one held by the City Council on the dog park master plan each brought out more people than any hearing on the city budget. Ever. And most of those people were pro-dog and dog park people. This is where we developed the guidelines that Chetworth so clearly does not meet.

> Our goal was to set aside some space distributed across the city that was fenced and just for dogs. There are not many of these and I keep telling people that it's like using the one indoor pool we have in town...75% of the people are going to need to get in their cars and drive there, because we don't have enough park land in the city to give much of it to dogs. In a few other parks we have small unfenced, but designated off leash areas that are bounded by bollards. This works pretty good but you have to have a really well trained dog. EVERYWHERE ELSE dogs must be on leash at all times.

> There were a couple areas that presented us with real difficulties, mostly because of traditional use, and Chetworth is one of those. It is clearly too small for a dog area and there are problems with the adjacency to the tot lot. But it had been used for that for a long time and there were lots of very vocal people at the hearings asking for it to be kept. After much discussion, the compromise was to let the use remain as it had been until a replacement was in place. In my mind that replacement is a quite large area across Slaters Lane and up against the rail tracks (there are some tennis courts south of it). This area was identified in the Potomac Yard Master plan as a new, fenced off-leash dog area. Its



construction is dependant on the new owners of that project (it has just changed hands) beginning the build out process. I, for one, will be pushing to have that constructed up front, as soon as possible. I hope you will help me with that. At that time we will move to close the use at Chetworth Park.

> I guess I would be reacting exactly like you if I came back to my property and saw the level of use you are now describing. All the other dogs parks are getting about the same amount of use. We can't keep grass on any of them and have conducted a nationwide inquiry of other park districts to see what they are using for ground cover. If you solve that one, you could make a million bucks. The issue of professional dog walkers is sticky, too. Like most other cities that have an ordinance, we have limited the number of dogs under anyone's control to three. Its really a safety issue. The dog walkers, who pay a business license fee and business taxes to the city were not happy and quite vocal. So were the dog owners that were going to see their costs for their dog walker increase. We had one neighborhood come and ask for a fenced area that they would pay for the construction of, and asked if it could just be for the use of regular people and not the professional dog walkers. We can't do that. And we can't take more public land for dogs because most people want to walk down the street and open a gate and let their dog loose. There are too many demands on our limited public space.

> Dog owners pay taxes too and for many of them all they ask from the city is a little space for their dog. We heard many stories of these dog parks being the place where new people found community and friendships. These are important considerations and I do not take them lightly. It is all a huge balancing act and one that is tipped in Chetworth, I think.

> What I ask of you when you return is to become involved and let your voice continue to be heard on this issue. My Commission has hearings in the fall for all public issues and I hope to meet you there. Talk with the leaders of the civic association about this. I think Poul Hertel has been deeply involved in trying to solve this for a long time. We will solve it, its a question of how soon. I would like constructive help in moving that time table up.

Thanks again for your letter. I share your concern and will continue to work to do what I can. And welcome back to Alexandria, where one person still can make a difference.

> > Sincerely,

> Judy Noritake

> Chair

> Park and Recreation Commission

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> Judy Noritake

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EXHIBIT NO. 1

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*Select pages
of Master Plan
for Dog Areas -*

City of Alexandria

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMI

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S MASTER PLAN FOR DOG EXERCISE AREAS AND FENCED DOG PARKS

ISSUE: Approval of the Park and Recreation Commission's Master Plan for Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks as amended based on input from the September 16 Public Hearing (Attachment 1) and incorporating guidelines for establishing new fenced dog parks and dog exercise areas (Attachment 2).

RECOMMENDATIONS: That City Council approve the Park and Recreation Commission's Master Plan for Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks as amended to include the guidelines for establishing new fenced dog parks and dog exercise areas and the following changes to specific areas:

- A) Area 1 - Founders Park - The Founders Park dog exercise area will remain located where it is currently delineated near Union Street, and staff will continue to monitor this area. Staff will recommend to the City Manager by April 2001 if further action is necessary. If, at a later date, the dog exercise area is determined to be unsatisfactory for all users of Founders Park, an alternative location will be considered.
- B) Area 16 - Holmes Run - Pickett Street behind the CVS was originally recommended as a new dog exercise area. It is now recommended that this area not be included at this time on the list of proposed new dog exercise areas.
- C) Area 17 - New area behind George Mason School - Staff will return to Council with a recommendation regarding the proposed new designation or the use of fencing in this area by December, 2000 after reevaluating this area with all area users.
- D) Area 21 - Chetworth Park at Chetworth Place - The language in the Master Plan has been changed to read: "When the Potomac Yard Fenced Dog Park and/or an additional site in this neighborhood is located, this fenced dog park will be reevaluated."

These amendments were discussed with the Park and Recreation Commission at its September 21 meeting, and the Commission concurs with changes A, B, and C. As to recommendation D - Area 21 - Chetworth Park at Chetworth Place, the Commission recommends retention of the original language, stating the fenced dog park should be eliminated when the Potomac Yard Fenced Dog Park and/or an additional site in the neighborhood is located. The Commission believes that if another more appropriate site becomes available, the Chetworth Park site is too small for a fenced dog park and should be eliminated.

BACKGROUND: After receiving testimony on the Park and Recreation Commission's Master Plan for Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks at its September 16 Public Hearing, City Council requested that staff reevaluate several sites, evaluate the request for lighting at the Beatley Library fenced dog park as well as other fenced dog parks, and clarify which City staff in the future will be enforcing the ordinances pertaining to the off-leash dog areas.

DISCUSSION: Following the City Council Public Hearing on September 16, 2000, staff reevaluated the following sites:

A) Area 1 - Founders Park Dog Exercise Area:

In the Master Plan, this area was described as being at the northeast corner of Founders Park at Oronoco Street and the Potomac River. After the Master Plan was disseminated in June, users of Founders Park asked that this site be changed to a 100' x 100' area on the north side of Founders Park near Union Street. The users and the Animal Control officers stated that this was the area that had been used during the past several years, not the signed area in the northeast corner of the park.

Staff reevaluated the area in June and found that the proposed 100' x 100' area in the northeast corner of the park would impact both the walking path and the volleyball court. Staff installed bollards designating a 100' x 100' area near Union Street as an alternate site, with the understanding that this site would be reviewed over the summer and addressed when the Master Plan came back to Council for approval in the fall. Staff did hear from one individual that he preferred the original location at the northeast corner, but the majority of comments, including residents of the Founders Park area testifying at the September 16 public hearing and numerous, favored the site near Union Street.

It should also be noted that the Waterfront Committee at their June 15, 1999 meeting passed a resolution that the "Dog Exercise" sign be removed from Founders Park and that the leash laws be strictly enforced. The Committee believed that ~~there~~ should be no off-leash area at Founders Park. At their March 21, 2000 meeting, the Committee addressed the lack of enforcement for dogs off leash at Founders Park and asked that the City Manager call a meeting of key city staff to address this problem. Staff reported to the Waterfront Committee at their May 16 meeting that as a result of a meeting with the City Manager on April 19, three parks, Founders Park, Ft. Ward Park and Simpson Park were selected for increased attention for enforcement of leash laws.

OTHER
PARKS

OF MUCH LARGER SIZE ↑

Between April 19 and June 9, Founders Park was visited 70 times for a total of 41 hours of patrol time. Twenty five warnings were issued with no summonses issued. Currently Animal Control Officers visit Founders Park at least twice a day and often, more frequently. At the Waterfront Committee meeting May 16, members continued to express the opinion that Founders Park was an inappropriate place for dogs off leash. Staff has also requested input from the Founders Park Civic Association; however, staff has yet to be informed of the outcome of a vote by the Civic Association on this issue.

In light of the public hearing testimony and staff review, staff recommends that this dog exercise area be located where it is currently delineated near Union Street. Staff will continue to monitor this area, and staff will make a recommendation to the City Manager by April 2001 if further action is necessary. If, at a later date, the dog exercise area is determined to be unsatisfactory for all users of Founders Park, an alternative location will be considered.

B) Area 16 - Holmes Run - Pickett Street behind CVS:

This area is listed in the Master Plan as a recommended new Dog Exercise Area. Since the Master Plan was disseminated to the public, the fenced dog park at Beatley Library has become very popular, and an additional new fenced dog park will be opened this fall in Ben Brenman Park. Considering the addition of these two areas, and based on comments at the public hearing, staff concurs that a dog exercise area at Pickett Street behind the CVS not be included at this time.

Staff recommends this area be removed from the listing of proposed new dog exercise areas in the Master Plan.

C) Area 17 - Area behind George Mason School:

This area is listed in the Master Plan as a recommended new Dog Exercise Area. In response to a petition from 14 residents stating that they would only support this area for dogs off-leash if it is fenced, staff will reevaluate this area. In order to receive input from all area users, a neighborhood meeting will be held and staff will return to Council by December, 2000 with a recommendation for this area.

D) Area 21 - Chetworth Park at Chetworth Place:

The Master Plan recommended this fenced dog park be eliminated when the Potomac Yard Fenced Dog Park is opened and/or an additional site in this neighborhood is located. Many users of this area asked City Council that the word "eliminate" be reconsidered as this dog park is currently a favorite place in the neighborhood.

The Park and Recreation Commission discussed this issue at its September 21 meeting, and the Commission recommends retention of the original language, stating the fenced dog park should

be eliminated when the Potomac Yard Fenced Dog Park and/or an additional site in the neighborhood is located. The Commission believes that when another more appropriate site becomes available, the Chetworth Park site is too small for a fenced dog park and should be eliminated.

Staff also concurs that the Chetworth Park area is too small for a fenced dog park, and staff recommends that the word "eliminate" be changed to "reevaluate" in the wording of the Master Plan as it relates to this fenced dog park.

Area 19 - Beatley Dog Park Lighting Request:

City Council asked staff to evaluate the request for lighting at the Beatley Library site and to discuss what other parks have lights. There are no lights at any of the Fenced Dog Parks with the exception of Simpson. Simpson Park currently has a light in the Fenced Dog Park, which was installed on an existing light pole at a cost of \$350. There are currently no plans to install a light in the Simpson Fenced Dog Park near Monroe Street when we move the area from its current location. Staff will look into costs for lighting all the fenced dog parks in the context of the FY 2002 budget; however, staff caution that depending upon the site improvements that could be required at various dog parks, the cost to install wiring and lighting may significantly exceed \$350. Such improvements will need to be considered in light of the many competing priority needs in the City's budget.

Enforcement:

City Council asked for further clarification as to which City staff, in the future, will be enforcing the ordinances. The Animal Welfare League has four Animal Control officers who provide service from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday. Police officers will respond to specific calls from the Animal Control officers and the public if available. The Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities Department will designate the following positions to be trained by the Police Department to help enforce the ordinances pertaining to dog exercise areas and fenced dog parks and issue citations: Deputy Director of Parks and Natural Resources, Park Superintendents, Assistant Park Superintendents, and Park Facility Specialist. This will provide an additional six positions authorized to enforce the ordinances pertaining to dog parks Monday through Saturday.

FISCAL IMPACT: The cost for installing lights at the fenced dog parks will be considered in the context of the FY 2002 budget; however, additional funding for these improvements will need to be considered in the context of the many competing needs in the City's budget.

III. Recommendations for existing Fenced Dog Parks: (Refer to Attachment 5)

Area 18 - Simpson Stadium Park at Monroe Avenue:

Move the area from the Duncan Avenue side of the park to the Monroe Street side of Simpson Park
Install water for irrigation
Provide a covered trash receptacle inside the park

Area 19 - 5000 block of Duke Street east of the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Library:

Reinstall fence and gates so they are correctly aligned with cement entry pad.
Provide covered trash receptacle
Reinstall fence to include tree area

Area 20 - Montgomery Park at the corner of Fairfax and 1st Streets:

Enlarge area, provide additional shade through the planting of trees and landscaped fence line.

Area 21 - Chetworth Park at Chetworth Place:



This park is too small for a fenced dog area. When the Potomac Yard Fenced Dog Park and/or an additional site in this neighborhood is located, this fenced dog park ~~should be eliminated~~ will be reevaluated. In the meantime, fencing and gates should be installed to ensure the children entering the play area do not have to pass through the dog area.

Area 22 - Ben Brenman Park south of Backlick Run:

Provide covered trash receptacles.

IV. Recommendations for New Fenced Dog Parks (Attachment 5):

Area 23 - Southeast corner of Wheeler and Duke Street:

Recommend fencing the entire existing dog exercise area
Cover drain with grate
Provide covered trash receptacles

Area 24 - Potomac Yard:

A new three acre area park between the two rail lines just west of Potomac Greens to be developed by Commonwealth Atlantic Properties as part of the overall development of Potomac Yard.

Area 25 - Carlyle:

A new two plus acre park at the north end of Mill Road. Developers will fence area, provide water, benches, receptacles and trees.

Attachment 2

EXHIBIT NO. 1

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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 7, 2000

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION'S PROPOSED GUIDELINES TO ESTABLISH NEW FENCED DOG PARKS AND DOG EXERCISE AREAS FOR INCLUSION IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR DOG EXERCISE AREAS AND FENCED DOG PARKS AND PROPOSED ORDINANCE CHANGES

ISSUE: Receipt of the Park and Recreation Commission's Proposed Guidelines for inclusion in the Master Plan for Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks and proposed ordinance changes.

RECOMMENDATIONS: That City Council:

1. Receive the guidelines for establishing new fenced dog parks and dog exercise areas as recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission for inclusion in the Master Plan for Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks (as discussed on page 2 of this memorandum).
2. Pass the proposed ordinances that make changes to the City Code consistent with the recommendations set forth in the Master Plan on first reading and schedule them for public hearing on September 16, and second reading and final passage on September 26; and
3. Thank the members of the Park and Recreation Commission for their work on these matters.

BACKGROUND: At its June 27 legislative meeting, City Council received the Master Plan for Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks (Attachment 1) from the Park and Recreation Commission and draft ordinances amending the City Code. Council requested that the Master Plan and ordinances be docketed for public hearing on September 16, and for adoption on September 26.

In accordance with Council action in June, the Master Plan for Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks was released for review by the public over the summer. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities mailed copies of the proposed Master Plan to veterinarians, animal hospitals, civic associations, pet supply stores, the Alexandria animal shelter, the Alexandria Animal Welfare League and numerous interested citizens. In addition, the Department will post notices of the September 16 Public Hearing at all current dog exercise areas and fenced dog parks prior to the public hearing.

DISCUSSION: The following criteria are recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission to be used by the City Manager as guidelines for the designation future sites for new Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks:

1. Area must be at least 1/2 acre, or 21,780 square feet.
2. Area must be at least 50 feet from a residential property line, or 50 feet from a commercial/industrial structure.
3. Area must be at least 60 feet from the top of a bank of any stream bed or water source. It will be located to minimize potential problems for wildlife and habitats, and is subject to normal environmental assessment procedures, including the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.
4. Area must be easily accessible for police and animal control protection.
5. Unfenced areas must be a safe distance away from roadways.
- For Fenced Dog Parks, there must be adequate monies available to establish landscaping and buffers around the perimeter.

Recreation staff concur with these guidelines, and have indicated that all of the criteria would need to be met to designate a future site.

FISCAL IMPACT: Upon review and acceptance of the Master Plan for Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks, staff will recommend that Council increase dog license fees for spayed and neutered dogs from the current fee of \$2 to \$10, and for other dogs, increase the fee from the current \$10 fee to \$20. There are currently 2,950 dog licenses in the City, comprised of 2,500 for spayed or neutered dogs and 450 are for other dogs. If all of the current licenses are renewed at the proposed higher rates, the increase in revenue would total \$24,500 per year. However, an increase in fees of this magnitude will likely result in fewer dog owners renewing their licenses, and as a result, the actual net additional revenue received is likely to be less than \$24,500. It should be noted that there is no change recommended in the license fees for cats, which will remain at \$2 for spayed and neutered cats, and \$10 for other cats.

The new dog license fee annual revenue will help offset part of the operating costs of implementing the Master Plan. The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities projects that the additional operating costs of implementing the Master Plan would be between \$25,000 and \$30,000 per year. Capital costs would be additional (beyond the \$25,000 currently funded in the capital budget), and would vary based upon the particular capital plans developed for each fenced dog park or dog exercise area. If City Council approves the Master Plan, City staff will develop a schedule for implementing the proposed improvements to the fenced dog parks and dog exercise areas. The schedule would be used to develop operating and capital budget plans, and the pace of implementation of the schedule would be subject to annual funding considerations.

ATTACHMENT: 1. Master Plan for Dog Exercise Areas and Fenced Dog Parks (City Council docket item from June 27, 2000)

STAFF:

Sandra Whitmore, Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities
Kirk Kincannon, Deputy Director, Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities

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Chetworth Ct. 38-knocked, 28-yes, 9-no, 1-not home

Street	House Number	Home	Decision
Portner	✓1241	yes	yes
	✓900	yes	yes
	✓916	yes	yes
	902	yes	no —
	904	yes	no —
	906	no	
	908	no	
	910	no	
	912	no	
	914	no	

Portner 10-knocked, 3-yes, 2-no, 5-not home

Final Results

135 houses knocked

35 were not at home

100 houses surveyed

~~75~~ 76 or 76 % wanted to remove dog run designation

~~24~~ 22 or 22% wanted the park to remain a dog park

2 or 2% were not interested

74% households home

Data
Petition for Removal of Dog Park Designation
Chetworth Park

Street	House Number	Home	Decision
Michigan	1302	yes	yes
	✓1304	yes	yes
	1306	no	
	1308	no	NO
	✓1310	yes	yes
	1312	yes	no →
	1314	yes	no —
	1316	yes	no —
	✓1318	yes	yes
	✓1320	yes	yes NO
	✓1322	yes	yes NO
	✓1324	yes	yes
	1326	no	
	1328	yes	no —
	1330	yes	no —
	✓1332	no YES	YES (2)
Michigan	16 house knocked 7-yes 5-no 3-not home		
Chetworth Place	700	yes	no
	✓702	yes	yes
	✓704	yes	yes
	706	yes	no
	—708	no	
	✓710	yes	yes
	709	no	
	✓711	yes	yes
	—707	no	
	—705	no	
	703	yes	no
	✓701	no	
	✓801	yes	yes
	803	yes	no
	—805	no	
	✓807	yes	yes
	✓809	yes	yes
	—811	no	
	813	yes	not interested
	✓819	yes	yes

Street	House Number	Home	Decision
Avon	✓ 701	yes	yes
	703	no	
	✓ 711	yes	yes
	709	no	
	708	no	
	✓ 706	yes	yes
	704	yes	not interested
	702	yes	no
	✓ 707	yes	yes
	✓ 729	yes	yes

Avon 10-knocked, 3-yes, 2-no, 5-not home

Bashford	✓ 707	yes	yes
	✓ 703	yes	yes
	✓ 705	yes	yes

Basford 4-knocked, 3-yes, 1-not home

Seaport	✓ 1300	yes	yes
	✓ 1312	yes	NO

Seaport 9-knocked, 1-yes, 8 not home / 1 NO

Chetworth Place 20-knocked 8-yes 4-no 7-not home 1-not interested

Street	House Number	Home	Decision
Bernard Street	✓731	yes	yes
	✓733	yes	yes
	✓739	yes	yes
	✓801	yes	yes
	✓803	yes	yes
	✓805	yes	yes
	✓807	yes	yes
	✓809	yes	yes
	✓815	yes	yes
	✓817	yes	yes
Bernard Street 8-knocked 8-yes 0-no			

Devon	✓702	yes	yes
	✓704	yes	yes
	✓706	yes	yes
	✓708	yes	yes
	✓710	yes	yes
	701	yes	no
	703	no	
	705	no	
	707	no	
	709	no	
	✓807	yes	yes
	✓809	yes	yes
	811	no	
	813	no	
	✓815	yes	yes
	✓817	yes	yes
	✓713	yes	yes
	✓715	yes	yes
	✓801	yes	yes
	✓810	yes	yes
Devon 20-knocked, 13-yes, 1-no, 6-not home			

Street	House Number	Home	Decision
Chetworth Ct	✓1318	yes	yes
	1316	yes	no
	✓1314	yes	yes
	1312	yes	no
	✓1310	yes	yes
	✓1308	yes	yes
	1306	yes	no
	← 1304	no	
	✓1302	yes	yes
	✓1300	yes	yes
	1333	yes	no
	1331	yes	no
	✓1329	yes	yes
	✓1327	yes	yes
	✓1325	yes	yes
	1323	yes	no
	✓1321	yes	yes
	✓1319	yes	yes
	✓1338	yes	yes
	✓1336	yes	yes
	✓1334	yes	yes
	✓1332	yes	yes
	✓1330	yes	yes
	✓1328	yes	yes
	✓1326	yes	yes
	✓1324	yes	yes
	✓1322	yes	yes
	1320	yes	no
	✓1340	yes	yes
	✓1342	yes	yes
	✓1344	yes	yes
	✓1348	yes	no
	✓1346	yes	yes
	✓1343	yes	yes
	✓1341	yes	yes
	✓1339	yes	yes
	1337	yes	no
	✓1335	yes	yes

Survey was done by:

Marianne and Mark Kartchner

Barbara Smith

Larry Haydan

Kimberly McDonald

Patty Ryan

Janet Cashion

CHETWORTH PARK PETITION

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Printed Name	Street Address	Signature
M. Black Market	1322 Michigan Ave	[Signature]
LYNSAY MATTHEWS*	1318 MICHIGAN AVE	[Signature]
RUSS HELLAR*	1318 MICHIGAN AVE	[Signature]
Erika O'Hearn	1320 Michigan Ave	Erika O'Hearn
Thomas Wheat	900 Portner Place	Thomas Wheat
MICHAEL BIESECKER	916 PORTNER PI	[Signature]
Dan Miller	207 Devon Pl.	[Signature]
Sue Conway	809 Devon Pl	Sue Ann Conway
Drew Acker	810 Devon Pl	[Signature]
Frances Gatz	801 Devon Pl	Frances Gatz
Michael Doney	707 DEVON PLACE	MICHAEL DONEY

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Briett Steward	807 Bernard	Briett Steward
Dianne Steward	807 Bernard	Dianne Steward
Holly Draper Erwin	809 Bernard	Holly Draper Erwin
Bill Erwin	809 Bernard	Bill Erwin
Andrew Gilligan	1420 W. Abingdon Dr.	Andrew Gilligan
Norma Stettin	707 Bushfield Ln	Norma Stettin
Greg Sutil	1304 Michigan Ave	Greg Sutil
Edward O'Keefe	1310 Michigan Ave	Edward O'Keefe
Pat LeDanne	1324 Michigan Ave	Pat LeDanne
Kamberlie Macdonald	1332 Michigan Ave	Kamberlie Macdonald
Robert S. Davies	As Above	Robert S. Davies
* Rick & Carol Lindman	702 Chetworth Pl	Rick & Carol Lindman
Susan & James Maslanka	704 Chetworth Pl	Susan & Jim Maslanka
De Jacobs	710 CHETWORTH	De Jacobs
Johanne Pedersen	1420 W. Abingdon Dr. 201	Johanne Pedersen
* Charissa Goins	815 DEVON PL	Charissa Goins
* CINDY DENNIS	" "	Cindy Dennis

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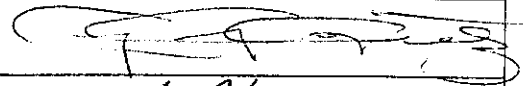



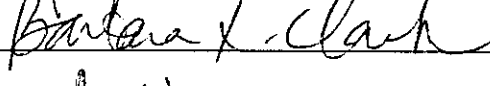
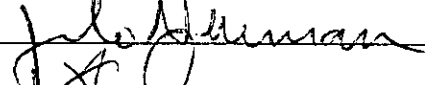
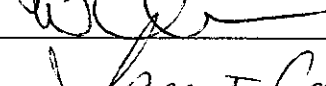
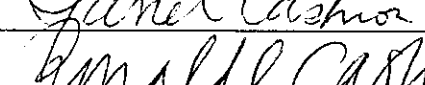
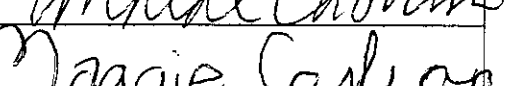
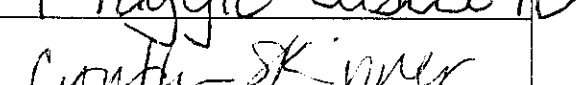
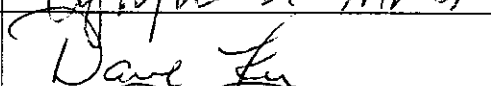



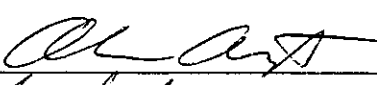
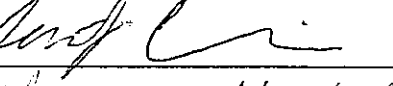
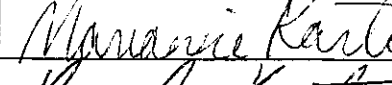

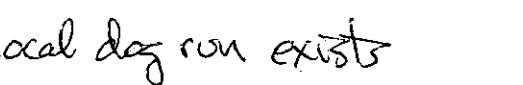
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Printed Name

Street Address

Signature

Gio Gutierrez	801 Bernard St.	
FERNANDO ALVAREZ	739 Bernard St	
Sofia Estevez	733 Bernard	
Michael O'Neil	731 Bernard St.	
Barbara L. Clark	731 Bernard Str.	
Junco Newman	817 Devon Pl.	
William Newman*	817 Devon Pl	
Janet Cashon	710 Devon Pl.	
Ronald Cashon	710 Devon Pl.	
Maggie Cashon	710 Devon Pl.	
Cynthia Skinner	708 Devon Place	
Dave Lu	704 Devon Pl 19 0019	
	809 Detroit PK	
Mollie Barwis	803 Bernard St	
Alan Averyt	803 Bernard St.	
Jennifer Clerk	803 Bernard St.	
Marianne Kartchner	805 Bernard St	
Mark Kartchner	805 Bernard St	

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Patricia Cilfone	101 Devon Place	Patricia Cilfone
Leslie MacCallum	801 Chetworth Pl	Leslie MacCallum
DAVID GILBERT	807 Chetworth Pl	David Gilbert
STEVEN COHILL	817 Devon Pl	Steven Cohill
Fabio Lamerchia	815 Bernard St	Fabio Lamerchia
Allyson Bentley	701 Avon Pl.	Ally Bentley
GEORGE SEMENIUK	707 Avon Pl.	George Semeniuk
Tom De Reusts	709 Avon Pl	Tom De Reusts
Karen Heinle	706 Avon Pl.	Karen Heinle
ANDREW HOYE	1241 Pommer Rd	Andrew Hoyer
MATT BECHTOLD	703 BASHFORD LN	Matt Bechtold
Jay Gray	705 Bashford Ln	Jay Gray
Benjamin Kinski	1307 Scarpent	Benjamin Kinski
PAUL SUBBARD	1325 CHETWORTH CT	Paul Subbard
C D Cook	1327 Chetworth	CD Cook
H. Wallace	1339 Chetworth Ct	Holly Wallace
DFIVEHILLSE	1348 Chetworth	DFIVEHILLSE

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Rebecca L. Penick	1341 Chetworth	Rebecca L. Penick
Sandy Hershey	1336 Chetworth	Sandy Hershey
Alan Bernbach	1336 Chetworth	Alan L. Bernbach
Lili DeSimone	1342 Chetworth	Lili DeSimone
Shirley DeSimone	" "	Shirley DeSimone
Samuel Morris	1338 Chetworth Ct.	Samuel Morris
Todd Palmer	1346 Chetworth Ct.	Todd Palmer
KATNY STEWART	1343 CHETWORTH CT	Kathy Stewart
Claudia Casan	1334 Chetworth Ct	C. Casan
Kate E. Armstrong	1334 " "	Kate E. Armstrong
James Ryan	1321 " "	James Ryan
Patricia Ryan	1330 Chetworth Ct	Patricia Ryan
Wilhelmina Larkin	1319 Chetworth St.	Wilhelmina Larkin
PAUL SIBBARD	1325 CHETWORTH CT	Paul Sibbard
Doranne Sibbard	1325 Chetworth Ct.	Doranne Sibbard
Michael White	1332 Chetworth	Michael White
Carroll Deter	1335 Chetworth	Carroll Deter
Opal B. B. B.	1322 Chetworth Ct. Apt. Va 22314	Opal B. B. B.
Mike Paul	1322 Chetworth Ct	Alex VA 22314

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