

DOG PARK COMMENTARIES

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(**Editors Note:** The following *DOG PARK!* article was published on September 1, 2010 and is provided as a reference to the additional SpeakUp! commentaries as published on pages 2-4.)

DOG PARK ?

September 1, 2010

To: speakup@kindertonvillage.org

Sent: Friday, July 30, 2010

Subject: SpeakUp! - KV Dog Park Possibility

The following SpeakUp! was submitted through the feedback link on the Kinderton Village Home Owner's Association website.

Submission details:

Publish: It's OK to publish this SpeakUp!

Anonymity Requested: No

Submitted By: Pat and William Whitaker

Comments:

I am looking into the possibility of a dog park in Kinderton. I am just starting to do my homework on the subject, and would love input from residents. First and foremost, I would like to know if there is sufficient interest to make the effort worth while.

Can we do a poll on this subject?

Thanks, Pat Whitaker

Editor's Note:

The following was copied from the Kinderton Village Single Family HOA Meeting Minutes, dated August 11, 2010:

"5. Master Report from Master Board Rep, Mr. Bruce Welch d. New Dog Park – Discussion: Mr. Welch reported that while meeting on the fence for the pool, the Master Board thought why not use the fence for a dog park instead of trucking it out? Mr. Welch also said that a dog park is just an idea at this point and that at least an acre of land would be needed."

New Resident's Poll has been posted on the KV Website at www.kindertonvillage.org.

Are you in favor of having a dog park facility installed in KV?

After voting your **Yes**, **No** or **Undecided** choice, express your interest and/or concerns by using the SpeakUp! feature on the KV Website or send an e-mail message to speakup@kindertonvillage.org. Please indicate your permission for us to publish your email message.

Dog Park SpeakUp!'s will be published, as a group, after October 9. Your input will assist the KV HOA Board of Directors in their decision making processes.

To: speakup@kindertonvillage.org
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010
Subject: SpeakUp!

The following SpeakUp! was submitted through the feedback link on the Kinderton Village Home Owner's Association website.

Submission details:

Publish: It's OK to publish this SpeakUp!

Anonymity Requested: No

Submitted By: Pat and William Whitaker

Comments:

Good morning, Mr. Welch was saying that we need at least an acre for a dog park. While an acre is ideal, less land would work also. We are at the point where we would just love enough space to throw a ball and let our dogs run around a little bit.

I wonder about insurance. Does Kinderton have an attorney they use who can answer the question of the cost of being insured? This should probably be the first consideration since it may be the thing that limits this project. Sure hope this works!

Pat Whitaker

From: Susan Culbertson
To: speakup@kindertonvillage.org
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 1:51 PM
Subject: DOG PARK - Yes!

(You may publicize this comment in the speakup forum)

This is in response to the poll concerning a dog park...I think a dog park is a great idea for our neighborhood, provided it is in good taste and owners adhere to the rules. It would provide a great place for dogs to exercise in a controlled environment, hopefully eliminating dog waste elsewhere. However, I would like to make a few suggestions if this becomes reality, many ideas of which are obvious, some that would simply make sense. (I am aware it may be a bit early for suggestions on this, but perhaps you would have time to discuss them at future meetings). There are some dog parks out there that are lacking in some ways, and I've experienced most all of them and have seen how they could be improved.

First, I think it is important that the dog park is all grass, and kept seeded. Dirt, harsh sand, or gravel areas in dog parks are hard on some dogs feet, particularly those that like to herd, and this injures their foot pads severely, to the point of bleeding. Second, there of course needs to be a watering area. This area preferably needs to be on a reasonably sized paved pad so it doesn't become a mud hole or a washout for dogs to waller in and get muddy. Otherwise, the watering hole condition itself could deter many "would be" dog owners from utilizing the park. Then of course, a division in the park for large and smaller dogs is needed. Planting suitable trees, although elective, would be nice, (trees that do not bloom or whose roots do not extend above ground for yards horizontally across the grass), and these would provide nice shade on hot days. Then finally, as in all dog parks, dog waste supplies, and detailed dog park rules should be openly posted, supplies always available, and both utilized by everyone. I look forward to hopefully seeing a nice dog park becoming a reality in Kinderton.

Thank you.

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Subject: SpeakUp!

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Submission details:

Anonymity Requested: No

Submitted By: Robert Bowman

Comments:

I would like to see our neighborhood focus on amenities for people before we focus on those for pets. It would be nice to have a "sports" field, basketball court and / or tennis courts for families to enjoy. We could even use some of the land for a community garden for people who would like to grow some of their own food or a neighborhood mulching area so we don't continue to fill-up our local landfill with yard waste.

From: Chuck Andrews
To: speakup@kindertonvillage.org
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010
Subject: Yes, I am in favor

We have a dog, but realize that this village is more dog friendly than child friendly, which is unfortunate. As it stands now, there are a few dog owners that do not pickup after their dogs. This makes an unhealthy and unpleasant condition for those who should be able to play with their children in the common areas. By the way, if a dog with a sickness leaves "traces from behind" your dog may contract those same illnesses. This is unfair and against the covenants we agreed to when we purchased here. Hopefully a fenced in area for dogs would help this situation but there are a few that just don't care about anyone else. We bought here knowingly what the covenants were and do our best to abide by them. Some seem to feel that they can choose what to ignore without care of how it will effect others.

From: Sandy Kaiman
To: speakup@kindertonvillage.org
Sent: Friday, September 03, 2010
Subject: FW: 100901 KV DOG PARK POSSIBILITY

(This is my full reply: you may use it in full with my name. SANDY KAIMAN)

I HAVE A DOG AND I **DO NOT** WANT A DOG PARK OR RUN IN THIS COMMUNITY. WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE WHEN A PERSON OR DOG GETS BITTEN FROM A POSSIBLE DOG FIGHT? ARE YOU PLANNING ON THE COMMUNITY TO FINANCE LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR US AND OTHERS FROM OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY WHO WILL ALSO BRING THEIR DOGS HERE? PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED ABOUT THE OTHER DANGERS TO THEIR PETS OF GETTING PARVO, WORMS, PARASITES AND OTHER DISEASE THAT CAN HARBOR IN DOG PARKS. NOT ALL PEOPLE ARE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERS WHO KEEP SHOTS UPDATED, CLEAN UP AFTER OR PROPERLY TAKE CARE OF THEIR PETS. WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UPKEEP EXPENSES? LAWN CUTTING AND CLEANING AND EXTRA PROPERTY? ALL I SEE IS THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE IS A LOT OF EXTRA FINANCES AVAILABLE FOR THINGS THAT ONLY A FEW WILL USE; LIKE THE VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, KIDS POOL, LITES, DOG PARKS... SHOULD WE EXPECT TO SEE MORE MONEY COME FROM OUR MONEY TREES TO PROVIDE FOR THIS STUFF? IF NO, JUST HOW FAR WILL THE REDUCED ASSOCIATION FEE GO BEFORE YOU ARE GOING TO PRESS US FOR **MORE MONEY** TO DO THE NEED THINGS FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT THE MONEY WAS SUPPOSE TO BE FOR, LIKE REDO KIASOS, REPAINT CLUB HOUSE, REFLOOR TILES, OTHER MAINTENANCES?

YOU SHOULD CHARGE PEOPLE WHO WILL USE ALL THESE SUDDENLY NEEDED XTRAS AND LIMIT THE USE TO THEM ONLY. AN EXAMPLE IS CLEMMONS WEST COMMUNITY POOL WHICH CAN ONLY BE USED BY RESIDENTS WHO PAID, WHO PAY FOR MAINTAINING THE UPKEEP AND USING IT. IF THEY DON'T PAY, THEY CAN NOT USE IT, EVENTHOUGH IT IS IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. NO MONEY IS EXPECTED TO SUPPORT IT FROM THOSE WHO ARE NOT USING IT.

IF THERE IS SO MUCH MONEY AS TO SUPPORT ALL THESE EXTRA INTERESTS, WHY AREN'T THE THINGS LIKE THE LIGHTS NEAR MAILBOXES FIXED AND ON, THIS IS A SAFETY MATTER THAT ASSOCIATION FEES ARE FOR!

WHY NOT GET REAL... THERE ARE **PUBLIC DOG PARKS, YMCA, OTHER PARKS** TO PROVIDE FOR THESE **PRIVATE ACTIVITIES** OF VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, DOG PARKS, KIDDY POOLS (SMALL CHILDREN SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED IN WATER WITHOUT ADULT, ARE WE GETTING LIFEGUARDS TOO?), WHICH NOW, ALL RESIDENTS OF KINDERTON VILLAGE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN WITH OUR ASSOCIATION FEES. ALL OF THESE ARE FOR THE **CONVIENCE** OF SMALL GROUPS OF PEOPLE. WHEN IS THERE GOING TO BE SOME CONSIDERATION OF THE REST OF US WHO DON'T WANT TO KEEP FINANCING THROUGH ASSOCIATION DUES OR EXTRA OUT OF POCKET MONEYS FOR THESE ACTIVITIES. WHILE REPAIRS ARE NOT TAKEN CARE OF YET... SIDEWALKS ETC. WHY NOT PROVIDE A ALL NITE RESTURANT IN KINDERTON VILLAGE FOR THOSE WHO WORK LATE TO MAKE MONEY TO PAY FOR ALL THESE UNCESSARY THINGS, IT IS JUST AS BAD AN IDEA.

Poll from the KV HOA Website <http://www.kindertonvillage.org>

🔥 Are you in favor of having a dog park facility installed in KV?


No

37 52.1% 

Yes

33 46.5% 

Undecided

1 1.4% 

Number of Voters : 71

First Vote : Wednesday, 01 September 2010 19:35

Last Vote : Wednesday, 06 October 2010 21:44

(Editors Note: There are 374 households in Kinderton Village. If there was only one (1) vote per household, the number voting the poll would represent approximately 19 % of total households expressing their opinions on this poll. This is not a scientific poll; however, it could be considered as being representative of the opinions of a cross-section of residents who take an interest in issues within Kinderton Village.)

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