

BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
September 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners was held on this day at 950 Eden Park Drive. Commissioners present: President Jim Goetz, Vice President Molly North, Commissioner Susan F. Castellini, and Commissioner Kick Lee. Commissioner Phyllis McCallum joined virtually. President Goetz called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Acknowledgement of Public Comments

President Goetz acknowledged ten in-person public comments about the Sawyer Point Skating Rink, plinth in the park, and ROTC parking in Burnet Woods. He also acknowledged emailed public comments pertaining to Edgewood Grove in Clifton, Tom Jones Commons in Eden Park, the Miyawaki Forest, Eden Park, Potter's Field, and the Burnet Woods Dog Park.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Approval of August 15, 2023, Minutes

Commissioner Castellini motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Vice President North seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ACTION ITEMS

Sawyer Point Skating Rink – Redesign RFP

Morgan Rigaud of Skate Downtown Cincy, Executive Director Jennifer Spieser and Board Vice President Bryan Tiffany of the Cincinnati Parks Foundation showed a video of potential improvements to the Sawyer Point skate rink which included resurfacing, concessions, a canopy, lighting, and signs. Commissioner Castellini and Vice President North asked for the scope of the project. Director Spieser clarified the project would include a canopy top, rink resurfacing, and concession stands. Director Spieser added the Cincinnati Parks Foundation was committed to raising funds to build and maintain the space. Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney stated the City Council was excited for the economic and multi-generational opportunity of this project and supports entering the design phase.

Vice President North mentioned the Planning and Design team is at capacity and asked if the Cincinnati Parks Foundation would support hiring and overseeing the initial design phase for this project. The Foundation agreed. Commissioner Castellini asked for an immediate resurfacing to improve safety and Commissioner Lee volunteered to join the skate rink committee.

President Goetz motioned to support the Cincinnati Parks Foundation moving forward with the planning and hiring of a firm to create a conceptual design for the Sawyer Point skate rink and for Parks staff to develop a plan to resurface the rink in immediacy. Commissioner Castellini seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Red Bike Station in Owls Nest Park

Vice President Anastasia Mileham of the Red Bike Board proposed a new Red Bike station at Owls Nest Park. Red Bike received a grant from the City of Cincinnati and a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to expand Red Bike stations. From community engagement Red Bike proposed a six-dock station in Owls Nest Park of Evanston at no cost to the Park Board. The station will be located on the northwest corner of the park.

Vice President North motioned to approve the permit for the Red Bike station in Owls Nest Park. Commissioner Lee seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Planning and Design Update

Planning and Design Division Manager Joel Gross presented multiple action items and updates.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Facility on Ludlow – Exterior Projects Funding

Staff requested the approval of \$323,014 from the \$2.1 million of the Reading Road facility to fund the remaining exterior site improvements to complete the project, bringing the total for the project to \$1.9 million.

Commissioner Castellini motioned to approve the \$323,014 from the \$2.1 million of the Reading Road facility to fund the remaining exterior site improvements to complete the project. Vice President North seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

DNR Facility on Ludlow – Fence

Planning and Design obtained authorization to send the Ludlow site security fencing project out to bid. Staff requested the authorization to approve a contract not to exceed \$110,000, as estimated in the Ludlow funds request, for the Ludlow site security fencing project.

President Goetz motioned to authorize staff to approve a contract not to exceed \$110,000, as estimated in the Ludlow funds request, for the Ludlow site security fencing project. Commissioner Castellini seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote.

California Woods – Design RFP

The California Woods Request for Proposal outlined erosion, structural and roadway stabilization issues in the park. Parks has \$1.3 million in fund 232025 that will be used for design work and construction. The deliverables will include a hydrological analysis of the site to inform and address the stabilization and erosion issues. Once completed the designer will produce bid-level plans and specifications to construct the repairs and implement energy dissipation measures. Planning and Design requested the approval of the Request for Proposal and the intended scope such that staff can continue to work with City Purchasing to offer this project to design firms.

Vice President North motioned to approve the Request for Proposal and the intended scope such that staff can continue to work with City Purchasing to offer this project to design firms. Commissioner Castellini seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Fleischmann Gardens Renovations

The Megen Construction quote for Fleischmann Gardens renovations included repairs to fencing, a gate, existing walls, trip hazards, the levelling and replacement of pavement. It also included a new dual use fountain and additional concrete pads and benches. Staff received a quote from Megen Construction to complete these items in the amount of \$198,550. Planning and Design recommended the approval of the quotation and the award of the contract.

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the quote and award the contract to Megen Construction. Vice President North seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote.

French House Restoration & French Park Culvert Repair

The Board previously approved \$181,765 for a portion of the French House project in 2021. However, the work order expired prior to implementation. These monies were returned to the infrastructure rehabilitation fund. Planning and Design prepared updated plans to accurately describe the work to contractors including additional restoration. The French House restoration portion of this project is anticipated to cost \$225,000.

Additionally, a corrugated metal arch culvert at French Park rusted through at the bottom. Planning and Design worked with the Department of Transportation and Engineering (DOTE) and concluded the culvert can be salvaged by corrective grouting and surrounding armoring. This work will be completed under the existing storm water term contract.

Capital Budget Reallocation

Staff pinpointed \$600,652 of project budget line items that are recommended to be canceled, which freed up resources for pressing projects. Staff requested the Board approve the cancellation of the above \$600,652, and the reallocation of \$325,000 to the restoration of the French House exterior and the repair of the culvert under the French Park access road.

The Board approved the cancellation of the \$600,652 and the reallocation of \$325,000 by voice vote.

French House Restoration & French Park Culvert Repair

Staff recommended the Board approve use of \$225,000 toward the restoration of the French House from Fund 980 – Capital Projects and recommended the approval of the culvert repair project not to exceed \$100,000 from Fund 980 – Capital Projects.

Vice President North motioned to approve the use of \$225,000 toward the restoration of the French House and the culvert repair project not to exceed \$100,000. Commissioner Castellini seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Smale Riverfront Park – Main Street Pump Repair

Planning and Design received a quote for the filter system repair to the Main Street pump in Smale Riverfront Park. Work under this project includes the demolition and removal of the failed filter system, furnishing and installing a new sand filter system, all associated pipe, fittings, electrical connections, and access provisions. Staff recommended the approval of \$124,900 from the Smale Riverfront Park Fund 329 to repair the Smale Riverfront Park Main Street pump.

Vice President North motioned to approve \$124,900 from the Smale Riverfront Park Fund 329 to repair the Smale Riverfront Park Main Street pump. Commissioner Lee seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Duke Energy Pipeline Easement & Right of Way

Natural Resources Division Manager Crystal Courtney presented the Duke Energy Pipeline easement and right of way.

Duke Energy will replace a gas line from Coney Island to the Beechmont Levy, affecting multiple right of way and Park Board locations. The Natural Resources division (DNR) completed a tree appraisal for the project. The total value of the 283 public trees that fall within the construction limits of this project equates to \$598,368.41. Duke Energy has agreed to pay the Park Board a value not to exceed that total. Upon completion of the project, staff will appraise the remaining trees and subtract their value from the total to determine the final compensation for the trees lost.

Staff recommend approving the easement and right of entry and the acceptance of these funds as compensation for trees lost due to this work.

Commissioner Castellini motioned to approve the easement and right of entry and the acceptance of funds as compensation for trees lost due to Duke Energy's work. Commissioner McCallum seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Foundation Grants – Event Electrical Panels

Deputy Director Jenny Mobley presented the Foundation Grants action item.

The Cincinnati Parks Foundation Grant is for event electrical panels for a total of \$16,000. The panels will be used to support events at Smale Riverfront Park by providing temporary electrical connections for events.

Staff requested the Board approve the application and acceptance of grant funds made to the Cincinnati Parks Foundation in the amount of \$16,000.

Commissioner Castellini motioned to approve the application and acceptance of grant funds made to the Cincinnati Parks Foundation in the amount of \$16,000. Commissioner Lee seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Piatt Park Tree Work

Finance Division Manager Craig Sherman presented the Piatt Park tree work action item.

Deadwood has accumulated within 47 Honey Locust trees in Piatt Park and has surpassed our acceptable level of risk. To address this issue, staff proposed a crown cleaning of all 48 Honey Locust trees within the park. The process will include the removal of branches measuring two inches or greater in diameter and the elimination of structurally damaged limbs.

Due to the location and height of the trees, this undertaking will require a Spyder lift, a resource not within the Park Board's possession, and extra personnel to manage traffic and ensure safety. The estimated cost for this essential service amounts to \$14,750.00.

Staff requested the approval of \$14,750 from the Piatt Park budget line in the Commissioners Fund for the contractual services.

President Goetz motioned to approve the \$14,750 from the Piatt Park budget line in the Commissioners Fund for the contractual services. Commissioner Castellini seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved to enter Executive Session to review the performance and salary level for the Cincinnati Parks Director Jason Barron. President Goetz stated the Board will perform this every year and added the Board is extremely pleased with the performance of Director Barron and that he has the full support of the Board. Vice President North added the Cincinnati Parks staff is making an enormous impact within Cincinnati and Commissioner McCallum agreed and complimented staff as well.

President Goetz moved to adjourn into Executive Session under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G) to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee. Commissioner Castellini seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

OPEN COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION

Vice President North summarized what the Board accomplished during the Executive Session. The Board committed to reviewing the Parks Director on an annual basis. In advance of this review a list of questions was assembled and each Commissioner responded to these questions independently. In the Executive Session the Board shared feedback with Director Barron and collectively discussed opportunities for the Director to continue through next year. Overall, the feedback to Director Barron was outstanding and he exceeded the expectations of the Board, and the Board is excited to move forward with proactive planning. Director Barron's review will be submitted to City of Cincinnati Central Human Resources.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting date is Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

President Jim Goetz motioned to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 P.M.

ATTEST:

PRESIDENT



DIRECTOR



DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

The Director's comments were not discussed at the September 21, 2023, Board Meeting, and were sent directly to the Commissioners. The Director's comments are submitted below for these minutes.

Directors Comments September 21, 2023

- 1) **Fleet Update.** I wanted to let you know that we, finally, have new cars and trucks for our staff to use, about a dozen, in fact. Here are pictures of 6 of these vehicles. We've had delays due to supply chain issues doubling or tripling the time it normally takes to get new fleet items.

I know this has been a priority for the Park Board. You voted to allocate \$724K in July of 2021, and we are just now starting to see the equipment come in more than 2 years later. On behalf of all staff, we appreciate the extra funding you have made available to purchase this essential equipment our team relies on to keep our parks looking great. This really means a lot to our team, and shows them how much we value the work they do.

We have a lot of specialized equipment still on the way (1 packer, 2 tractors, 8 landscape trucks, 1 bucket truck, 2 maintenance vans and a few other items).

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- 2) **Warder Nursery Clean Up Day.** Our staff are amazing. Last week, dozens of staff, led by Ann Uhlman and the green space team, went out to reclaim Warder Nursery. This included clearing brush, old fences, bad trees, and removing litter and other debris. If you haven't visited, much of this area has been overgrown and abandoned in recent years. Thanks to everyone's hard work we made tons of progress in helping get the site ready for our future plans with the site.

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- 3) **Bow Hunting Season.** As we head into fall, we are beginning our controlled bow hunting program, on **Saturday September 30, and runs through February 4, 2024.** The program operates in 18 of our parks and preserves. Without measures to control these environments, our forests would eventually lack large established trees that serve as a foundation for native plants and wildlife to flourish. Similar programs operate in parks systems throughout the country, including the US National Parks, Ohio State Parks and the Great Parks of Hamilton County.

Importantly, as has been the case in recent years, we are able to keep all of our trails open for park visitors. All of the information about the program is on our website as well as through signage at affected locations. [Controlled Bow Hunting - Cincinnati Parks \(cincinnati-oh.gov\)](https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/parks/controlled-bow-hunting)

- 4) **Quick Reminder on Fall ReLeaf.** Our Fall ReLeaf program (sponsored by the Parks Foundation, MadTree Brewing and Dynegy), that gives away free trees to Cincinnati

property owners, opened registrations for low-canopy neighborhoods* on September 9th. General registrations for everyone opens on this Saturday at 8 AM. They're going fast. We've already had about 1/3rd of our 1,000 trees claimed for low canopy neighborhoods, which is a testament to our outreach efforts, and validates the fact that people really want trees.

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- 5) **Upcoming events.** Our parks are filled with amazing events this fall. Here are some highlights: **(Slide 4)**

International Children's Day at Burnet Woods Trailside Nature Center. September 23rd 11 AM – 4 PM. This event celebrates the children and cultures of the world. There will be information and entertainment, freebies for the kids, and more. We're hosting this event in partnership with Cincinnati USA Sister Cities Association, Cincinnati Parks Foundation, Cincinnati and Hamilton County Library, Camping & Education Foundation and USA Balloonistics.

National Public Lands Day is Saturday, September 23.

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single day volunteer event for public lands. We will hold volunteer events at Valley Park, Mt. Airy, Parker's Woods, LaBoiteaux Woods, Alms Park, Buttercup Valley and more. Signups are on the website/social media: [MyImpactPage - Cincinnati Parks \(betterimpact.com\)](http://MyImpactPage - Cincinnati Parks (betterimpact.com))

International Friendship Day at International Friendship Park. Saturday September 30 from 11 – 2 PM. the inaugural "International Friendship Day" on Saturday, September 30th, from 11am – 2pm. The event will take place in the outdoor area around the Pavilion, which showcases original ceramic art tile created specifically for the park. The day will be filled with cultural information from more than 10 different countries, ranging from Zimbabwe, to France, Germany, China, and international entertainment, food and a ceremonial "tree planting".

Hat's Off Luncheon. The annual fundraiser for our partners at the Cincinnati Parks Foundation is set for **Friday October 6th at 11 AM** at Smale Park. Our Riverfront Team, led by Lou Sand, are being honored with the Phyllis W. Smale Award given each year to recognize outstanding achievement, inspiring leadership, exemplary service, and creative vision.

TrailFest. Saturday October 7th from 11 Am – 5 PM at Oak Ridge Lodge in Mt. Airy Forest. This celebration of all things outdoors includes speakers, hiking, biking, a kid's area, a raffle, music, local food and beer. Partners include CORA, The Mt. Airy Advisory Council, Cincinnati Hikes, and all TrailFest proceeds will be going to the Cincinnati Parks Foundation to continue to support the preservation of Mt. Airy Forest and Cincinnati nature for future generations to come.

Capitoline Wolf Statue Dedication. We are happy to let you know the wolf statue has been completed, is through customs, and has been delivered. The ceremony to officially welcome the statue back to Twin Lakes is set for **Friday November 3 at 10 am.** We're coordinating the event with our friends at the Parks Foundation and the Friendly Sons and Daughters of Italy who have been instrumental in replacing the wolf.

***Low Tree Canopy Neighborhoods**

Avondale (37%)

Bond Hill (25%)

Camp Washington (8%)

Carthage(33%)

Corryville (14%)

Downtown (7%)

East End (30%)

Evanston (31%)

Hartwell (37%)

Linwood (28%)

Lower Price Hill (20%)

Madisonville (36%)

Mt. Adams (31%)

Oakley (26%)

Over-the-Rhine (13%)

Pendleton (12%)

Queensgate (10%)

Roselawn (26%)

Walnut Hills (33%)

West End (14%)

[External Email] Public Comment: Call by Bob Hyland for correction of misinformation on city website

Bob Hyland <ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org>

Mon 9/18/2023 6:11 PM

To:Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc:#COUNCIL <citycouncil@cincinnati-oh.gov>;Aftab, Mayor <mayor.pureval@cincinnati-oh.gov>;ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org <ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org>

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bobnhyland@gmail.com

In my own words, I feel that the Cincinnati Parks responsibility for maintaining accurate information regarding the dog park proposal in Burnet Woods is important because:

Unlike the private sector, where backroom deals, quid pro quo arrangements, bribery, rampant lobbying, and other immoral and unethical dealings happen daily because corrupt, paid-for politicians let it happen, our public institutions are supposed to be shining cities on a hill that represent what's still good and decent about our communities and cities. As such, the Cincinnati Park Board should hold itself to the highest standards of accuracy and transparency with regard to information about the latest development proposal for Burnet Woods, and all other business it conducts. Unfortunately, it has not held itself to those high standards. For months, multiple instances of misleading information lived on the Park Board's public information page about the latest development proposal in Burnet Woods, and that misinformation only came down because it was called out. Other instances of misinformation still live on the page; will the Park Board leave those pieces of misinformation published until they too are called out? That seems a deeply unethical and irresponsible approach to (mis)informing the public. Still, there's more! Absurd and wildly false claims like "everybody agrees a dog park would be great" are plastered all over the public record and in YouTube videos of Park Board meetings, despite the public record showing a vast majority of the public who has commented say a dog park in Burnet Woods is a terrible idea (something like 257 comments against to 4 for, isn't it?). That's 98.5% to 1.5% Lol. "Everybody agrees"? Please. The Park Board knows its using false claims, but seems willing to stoop that low to get a silly, toxic dog park built for a handful of one of the Park Board Commissioner's neighbors. Do better.

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I agree that the Park Board should thoroughly vet and publicly correct the misinformation it's provided about the dog park in Burnet Woods, and be transparent going forward through a professional community engagement process on the matter.

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I acknowledge the above emails will be sent upon clicking 'Submit'. I acknowledge that a summary of responses may be submitted to members of Cincinnati City Council and Cincinnati Parks/Cincinnati Board of Park Commissioners.

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Your Zip Code	45220

Respectfully,
Bob Hyland

Sent: 2023 09 18

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[External Email] Public comment for park board meeting: dog park

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Mon 8/14/2023 6:46 PM

To:Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc:Bridget Shoe <bridgetshoe@hotmail.com>

You don't often get email from bridgetshoe@hotmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

External Email Communication

Hello Cincinnati Park Board,

Writing for the August 15, 2023 meeting public comments to oppose the placement of a dog park in the valley in Burnet Woods.

Watched the July meeting over YouTube the other day. I noted that you plan to plant more trees, is that preparation for the ones that will die when you turn this lovely part of the park into a desert. While adding trees nice, what about the other wildlife, such as fireflies and cicadas, that you will be forever displacing and killing off by burying them under astroturf.

I still believe the park board is violating its mission statement with this proposed act. You are taking a beautiful grassy area and converting it to less than a desert where nothing will live.

There are plenty of existing asphalt areas that exist within the park system where you could put a dog park, but killing a thriving natural area by replacing it with an environmentally damaging plastic turf is hard for me to understand.

In the July YouTube meeting you stated that you were posting a FAQ page to answer the questions that residents have been asking for months. I have yet to be able to locate this information.

Who will be responsible for cleaning the urine and feces from the astroturf? Will there be members of parks washing the astroturf daily? How do you plan to clean the turf, the use of enzyme cleaners is recommended. How will that runoff effect the lake in Burnet Woods? Will the existing sewer issues under the road be fixed to take care of this issue? Is funding included in the estimated costs for maintaining this man-made desert? It's recommended that for a single dog, the turf be cleaned at least once a week. Since its foreseen that more than one dog will use this area, will parks be providing daily or twice daily cleaning? Unlike the multiple other nearby dog parks, this one is closely located to housing, will you be providing contact information for issues, such as noise?

Who will police this area, validating that visiting dogs have had vaccines? Will the same rules that apply to Washington Park be enforced at planned dog park?

There have been lots of unanswered questions posed by residents of Cincinnati that parks has not answered (or worst, provided flippant answers like it will be just like Washington Park). The Parks Board seems to be on a quest to remove nature and build something in Burnet Woods. To my knowledge, no neighborhood council in areas near Burnet Woods supports this endeavor by the Parks Board. Does the board think if they destroy this beautiful valley, then 5 or 10 years down the road they can get that new building into Burnet Woods they've been coveting for the last 30 years (a restaurant, a library, an arts center all failed to be built there). Is the Parks board now playing the long game of reclaiming an outdated astroturf field with a building?

I urge you to reconsider the location.

Thanks for listening to my concerns about the dog park proposal.

Bridget Shoe

Clifton resident

[External Email] Public Comment: Call by Bridget Shoe for correction of misinformation on city website

Bridget Shoe <ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org>

Fri 9/15/2023 4:50 PM

To:Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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In my own words, I feel that the Cincinnati Parks responsibility for maintaining accurate information regarding the dog park proposal in Burnet Woods is important because:

#1) it damages the Parks reputation when they gaslight people. I searched that website for information back in July and the data on the page has changed, but the posted date gives the impression that it's been there all along.

As a part of the City of Cincinnati's governing body, the Park Board is charged with keeping accurate public records of its activities, correspondence, decisions, and timelines. The inclusion of multiple inaccuracies on the web page created by Cincinnati Parks has exacerbated community division and tension about the Burnet Woods Dog Park proposal. The refusal to conduct professional community engagement as an opportunity to answer

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Your Full Name

Bridget Shoe

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Respectfully,

Bridget Shoe

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Re: [External Email] Public Comment: Call by Charleen Lyon for correction of misinformation on city website

Parks, Cincy <Cincy.Parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Wed 9/20/2023 4:33 PM

To: clyon@cattlyondesign.com <clyon@cattlyondesign.com>

Hello Charleen Lyon,

Thank you for your feedback on Burnet Woods. Your feedback will be shared with the Board of Park Commissioners prior to the Thursday, September 21, Park Board Meeting and entered into the public record.

Updates and information related to Park Board Meetings may be found at the following link: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/about/public-meetings/>

Public Meetings

The Board of Park Commissioners has regularly scheduled meetings on the third Thursday of every month at 9:00 A.M. Meetings of the Board of Park Commissioners can be viewed in real time on the Cincinnati YouTube Channel or attended in person. Cincinnati Park Board Public Meetings

www.cincinnati-oh.gov

Thank you for your time and your thoughts,
Kelly Piller

From: Charleen Lyon <ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2023 5:20 PM

To: Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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In my own words, I feel that the Cincinnati Parks responsibility for maintaining accurate information regarding	Cincinnati Parks is funded by tax dollars collected from the residents of the City of Cincinnati. Consequently, the residents deserve honesty and transparency in what is said in meetings, what is posted on the Park's web site and what is written in correspondence. An example of the inaccuracies being disseminated include

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correspondence I received from one of the Park Board Commissioners where he actually told me that no mature trees would be damaged by the construction or implementation of the concrete and synthetic turf dog park. (Even if the trees aren't cut down initially, by paving over their root system, they will soon die.)

I agree that the Park Board should thoroughly vet and publicly correct the misinformation it's provided about the dog park in Burnet Woods, and be transparent going forward through a professional community engagement process on the matter.

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Your Zip Code	45220

Respectfully,
Charleen Lyon

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[External Email] Public Comment: Call by Darshan Soni for correction of misinformation on city website

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Your Zip Code 45219

Respectfully,

Darshan Soni

Sent: 2023 09 15

Response ID:

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Response Number: 4

[External Email] Public Comment: Call by David Barnett for correction of misinformation on city website

David Barnett <ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org>

Fri 9/15/2023 4:05 PM

To:Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc:#COUNCIL <citycouncil@cincinnati-oh.gov>;Aftab, Mayor <mayor.pureval@cincinnati-oh.gov>;ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org <ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org>

External Email Communication

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Email address

David.barnett@uc.edu

In my own words, I feel that the Cincinnati Parks responsibility for maintaining accurate information regarding the dog park proposal in Burnet Woods is important because:

to do otherwise is unconscionable as the community stakes are huge if the reduction in natural park space and addition of harmful chemicals are among the points of obfuscation.

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David Barnett

Your Email Address David.barnett@uc.edu

Your Zip Code 45220

Respectfully,

David Barnett

Sent: 2023 09 15

Response ID: 2_ABaOnuesFiy3UHKXfmx6hQE7NkzQodCoKSWa9hJm5DPb-IVCPwjfW0E1478jRadELDmw0kQ

Response Number: 3

[External Email] Public Comment: PFAS Concerns from K Doepke

cynthia@preserveburnetwoods.org <cynthia@preserveburnetwoods.org>

Thu 8/31/2023 11:31 AM

To:Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

Cc:Owens, Meeka <meeka.owens@cincinnati-oh.gov>;Kearney, Jan-Michele <jan-michele.kearney@cincinnati-oh.gov>;Cramerding, Jeff <jeff.cramerding@cincinnati-oh.gov>;Jeffreys, Mark <mark.jeffreys@cincinnati-oh.gov>;Walsh, Seth <seth.walsh@cincinnati-oh.gov>;Aftab, Mayor <mayor.pureval@cincinnati-oh.gov>;ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org <ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org>

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Email address

doepke@fuse.net

I oppose the use of synthetic turf or other PFAS containing materials in Cincinnati City Parks and public greenspaces, as well as for the construction of a dog park in Burnet Woods, for the following reasons:

I agree. Reduction of exposure to PFAS chemicals/environmental contaminants is important to me.

- * Synthetic turf contains, among other chemicals, PFAS which will leach into the natural environment and could expose humans, dogs, and wildlife to pollutants known to cause cancer and other morbidities.**
- * In all 12 of the indices the USEPA uses for Environmental Justice screening, the residents who live closest to the proposed site for the dog park in Burnet Woods are in the 80th percentile**

for exposure. In 6 of the indices, they are in the 90th percentile. In other words, the installation of the dog park will introduce additional risk to residents who already carry a disproportionate share of exposure to environmental risk.

The following areas of concern resound with me when I consider the use of synthetic turf/PFAS containing materials in public greenspaces generally or construction of the Burnet Woods Dog Park specifically: (Check all that apply)

- > Lack of unbiased community engagement on IF or where a dog park should be located for the impacted communities (I agree)
- > Our water and air quality are in a state of decline not being taken seriously enough by elected leaders. (I agree)
- > Concerns about the financial crisis currently faced by Cincinnati Parks (I agree)
- > Lack of a cohesive plan to implement amenities such as dog parks equitably across the entire park system (I agree)
- > I am uncomfortable with children being exposed to synthetic turf due to its known chemical components. (I agree)
- > Lack of transparency in the decision-making process which allowed this project to fast-track past other pressing park needs related to infrastructure repair, accessibility needs, staffing needs, etc. (I agree)
- > This project will degrade greenspace unnecessarily when it could be used to add greenspace to the community through use of an already developed location. (I agree)
- > This proposal is causing great conflict in my community and between my neighbors. (I agree)
- > Concerns that our parks are already failing at regular maintenance in terms of existing infrastructure and daily maintenance needs (litter removal, facility repair, invasive species removal, etc.) and are heavily reliant on volunteer labor to meet basic needs. (I agree)
- > Mature natural fields and old growth trees should be a priority for conservation and not development opportunities in our public greenspaces. (I agree)

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**Environment and
Infrastructure
Committee: Meeka
Owens, Jan-Michele
Kearney, Jeff
Cramerding, Mark
Jeffreys, and Seth Walsh.
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Your Email Address Doepke@fuse.net

Your Zip Code 45223

Respectfully,

K Doepke

Sent: 2023/08/31

Response ID:

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Response Number: 116

[External Email] Public Comment: Call by Lakshya Jhuria for correction of misinformation on city website

Lakshya Jhuria <ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org>

Fri 9/15/2023 1:18 PM

To:Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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Lakshya Jhuria

Your Email Address jhurialv@mail.uc.edu

Your Zip Code 45220

Respectfully,

Lakshya Jhuria

Sent: 2023 09 15

Response ID: 2_ABaOnuc58l0QhRlvejO-jdv45OPks-4eZRnaT1xtQP1s7LogYt-ddWauPfoqJiFMBID9NRY

Response Number: 2

[External Email] Public Comment: Call by Shari Frost for correction of misinformation on city website

Shari Frost <ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org>

Fri 9/15/2023 5:11 PM

To:Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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Shari Frost

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Your Zip Code 45030

Respectfully,

Shari Frost

Sent: 2023 09 15

Response ID:

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Response Number: 6

[External Email] Public Comment: Call by Sydney O Kraus for correction of misinformation on city website

Sydney O Kraus <ilove.burnet@preserveburnetwoods.org>

Thu 9/14/2023 8:01 PM

To:Parks, Cincy <cincy.parks@cincinnati-oh.gov>

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Sydney O Kraus

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Respectfully,

Sydney O Kraus

Sent: 2023 09 14

Response ID:

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