

### South Region Meeting

The first Off Leash Task Force Public Meeting was held Tuesday, 3/18/08 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Water Services Building, 4800 E. 63rd St.. Approximately 200 people attended. Attendees were asked to fill out a questionnaire, and were given an opportunity to fill out cards with their questions and concerns. A sign up sheet was also available for attendees wishing to speak.

The meeting commenced with opening remarks from Off Leash Task Force chairman Mel Solomon, followed by a powerpoint presentation which included general dog park information, as well as information on the role of the task force. Listed in the presentation were the South Region parks that were initially identified, based on size and present programming, as **potential** sites for future off leash areas. This list included Bannister Park, Blue River Athletic Fields, Carl Migliazzo Park, French Tract, Gambil Tract, Jerry Darter Park, Jerry Smith Park, Klappmeyer Park, Legacy West Park, Marlborough Park, Minor Park, Noble Park, South Oak Park, Sunnyside Park, Swope Park, Sycamore Park, Timber Valley Park, and White Oak Park. (Note- potential sites have only been preliminarily identified as **possible** off leash area locations- no decisions have been made. The list will be further narrowed as detailed examination of individual parks proceeds.)

Next, comment cards from attendees were read, and task force members answered the questions and concerns raised on the comment cards. Early in the discussion, the question of a Sunnyside Park Off Leash area was addressed by asking attendees to show, by a raise of hands, whether they supported or opposed the idea. Throughout the evening, the Sunnyside off leash proposal was a subject of considerable discussion. The task force shared that a separate meeting specifically addressing the Sunnyside Off Leash area proposal would be held in the future.

Finally, a number of speakers were able to address the meeting. The task force responded to the speakers questions and concerns as needed. At the end of the meeting, attendees were given an opportunity to ask additional questions.

### Central Region Meeting

The second Off Leash Task Force Public Meeting was held Wednesday, 3/19/08 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Mohart Multi-Purpose FOCUS Center, 3200 Wayne. Approximately 20 people attended. Attendees were asked to fill out a questionnaire, and were given an opportunity to fill out cards with their questions and concerns. A sign up sheet was also available for attendees wishing to speak.

The meeting commenced with opening remarks from Off Leash Task Force chairman Mel Solomon, followed by a powerpoint presentation which included general dog park information, as well as information on the role of the task force. Listed in the presentation were the Central Region parks that were initially identified, based on size and present programming, as **potential** sites for future off leash areas. This list included Blue Hills Park, Blue Valley Park, Brush Creek Park, Daniel Morgan Boone Park, Hyde Park, Loose Park, Mulkey Square, Raytown Road Athletic Field, Roanoke Park, Robert Gillham Park, Skiles Park, Southmoreland Park, West Rock Creek Park, and Westwood Park. (Note- potential sites have only been preliminarily identified as **possible** off leash area locations- no decisions have been made. The list will be further narrowed as detailed examination of individual parks proceeds.)

Next, comment cards from attendees were read, and task force members answered the questions and concerns raised on the comment cards. One of the subjects of discussion throughout the meeting was the possibility of multiple small neighborhood parks in the downtown area. When asked if they supported neighborhood parks, nearly all attendees said they did.

Finally, a few speakers were able to address the meeting. The task force responded to the speakers questions and concerns as needed. At the end of the meeting, attendees were given an opportunity to ask additional questions and speak. Finally, Councilwoman Sharon Sanders Brooks stopped by to thank the task force and meeting attendees.

### North Region Meeting

The third Off Leash Task Force Public Meeting was held Wednesday, 3/26/08 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the Kansas City North Community Center, 3930 N. Antioch Road. Approximately 40 people attended. Attendees were asked to fill out a questionnaire, and were given an opportunity to fill out cards with their questions and concerns. A sign up sheet was also available for attendees wishing to speak.

The meeting commenced with opening remarks from Off Leash Task Force chairman Mel Solomon, followed by a powerpoint presentation which included general dog park information, as well as information on the role of the task force. Listed in the presentation were the North Region parks that were initially identified, based on size and present programming, as **potential** sites for future off leash areas. This list included Anne Garney Park, Briarcliff Greenway, Englewood Park, Frank Vaydik Park, Hidden Valley Park, Hodge Park, Kessler Park, Lakewood Greenway, Margaret Kemp Park, Riverfront Park, and Tiffany Springs Park. (Note- potential sites have only been preliminarily identified as **possible** off leash area locations- no decisions have been made. The list will be further narrowed as detailed examination of individual parks proceeds.)

Next, comment cards from attendees were read, and task force members answered the questions and concerns raised on the comment cards. The energy and enthusiasm of the attendees for dogparks in the Northland was noteworthy. One of the common themes in the meeting was an interest in having multiple parks spread out over the area. Like the Central region, neighborhood dog parks were again seen as a good option. Two organizations were also mentioned several times in the meeting. A representative of the Friends of Riverfront Park pointed out that the Master Plan for their park includes two dogparks, and that they are very interested in making that happen, The group Bones4dogs, a dogpark advocacy group for the northland, was also discussed, with many attendees showing an interest in working with the group.

Finally, a number of speakers were able to address the meeting. The task force responded to the speakers questions and concerns as needed. At the end of the meeting, attendees were given an opportunity to ask additional questions.