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DATE: December 4, 2007

TO: Dog Park Task Force

FROM: Jimmi Lossing, Park Planning and Design Services

SUBJECT: Dog Park Task Force First Meeting Minutes

The newly created Dog Park Task Force met for the first time on the evening of November 27, 2007. The purpose of the first meeting was for the task force members to meet each other. Chair Mel Solomon discussed the purpose of the Task Force was to create dog park guidelines and recommendations for locations. Dog parks provide another opportunity to revitalize the parks system.

Chair Mel Solomon discussed that the process of the task force would include open meetings, best practices, public hearings and a tour of the city parks. The Task force, with a target date of May 1, 2008, will prepare and present a report to the Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners. Parks staff provided a brief overview of the history of the dog parks in Kansas City and as well as Parks system orientation to the task force.

Task force members discussed the following topics:

- Sheer quantity of parks in the KCMO parks system and what would be the most effective way to determine where the dog parks might be located.
- The approximate sizes for dog parks.
- The quantity of dog parks required to meet the need in Kansas City.
- It was discussed preliminarily what would be the appropriate sources of funding for installation and maintenance of dog parks.

Next Steps:

Committee members should email Jimmi Lossing at jimmi_lossing@kcmo.org a list of issues, ideas and concepts for dog parks to be addressed at the next meeting by December 28.. Jimmi & Jeremy Schlicher will group “like” items together and sort them into categories. These will be emailed back to the committee, on January 4, for them to review before discussing them at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2007 at 4:30 pm.

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