

CITY OF CANBY DOG PARK OPEN HOUSE SUMMARY REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

The Canby City Council convened for a regular meeting on December 1, 2021, during which the discussion regarding a potential dog park at the Territorial Road site occurred. At this meeting, the Council voted 4-2 to direct staff to start preliminary work on the dog park, but wait to implement the buildout of the park until after the Parks Master Plan had been completed.

In September 2022, the City Council directed City staff to host a public meeting to gather community input on the project. The City hired Sara Wilson of SSW Consulting to facilitate the open house and guide participants in group exercises to review amenity options and gather community input on the process. The open house aimed to achieve the following outcomes:

- Review the dog park process, site requirements, draft concept map, and amenity considerations
- Gather community input on dog park planning process, park design, and amenities
- Review process next steps with community

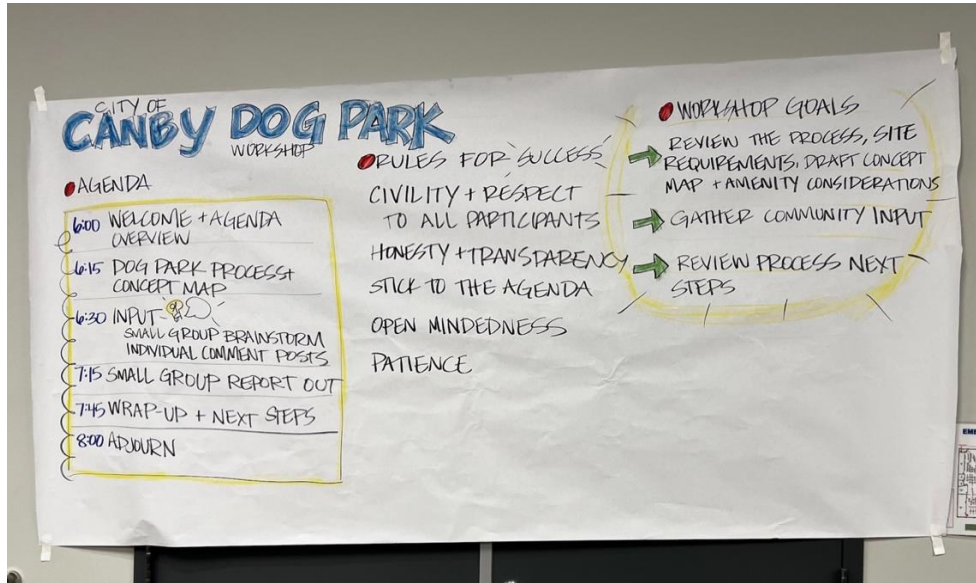
Members from the community, City Council, and City staff convened on Wednesday, September 28th in the Council Chambers to discuss and provide input on the proposed dog park planning process, concept map, and amenity considerations. The open house was also broadcast online for community members to participate virtually.

The information gathered during the open house will be used by staff to develop park design options and recommendations to Council.

City Council and staff are grateful to the nearly 70 community members who attended the open house.

OPEN HOUSE DESIGN

The open house began with a welcome and overview of the agenda as highlighted in the following image. The group discussed the goals of the open house and used these goals to collectively develop ground rules for a successful meeting.



Agenda

- Welcome + Agenda Overview
- Dog Park Process Concept Map
- Input
 - Small Group Brainstorm
 - Individual Comment Posts
- Small Group Report Out
- Wrap-up + Next Steps
- Adjourn

Open House Goals

- Review the process, site requirements, draft concept map, + amenity considerations
- Gather community input
- Review process next steps

Rules for Success

- Civility + respect to all participants
- Honesty + transparency
- Stick to the agenda
- Open mindedness
- Patience

Planning Manager Ryan Potter presented an overview of the dog park planning process, site requirements, and amenity considerations. The purpose of the presentation was to acclimate community members to the site and provide context to the list of potential amenities for community members to discuss and provide input in the following small group exercise. Many community members asked clarifying questions about the process, site, and amenities.



Following the staff presentation, community members were given two options to participate and share their input:

- 1) Park design + amenity small group exercise
- 2) General comments discussion

A small portion of the community group participated in the design and amenity discussion in the adjacent Willamette Room. Community members were given site maps, a list of potential amenity options to consider, post-it notes, and markers to add their input and preferences directly to the site map.

Most community members remained in the Council Chambers to participate in a facilitated discussion regarding their concerns and comments about the dog park planning process. Sara Wilson used graphic facilitation, a combination of large-scale notetaking and meeting



management, to capture the discussion. Community members were also given the opportunity to submit written comments for review.

Following the small group exercise and community comment discussion, the groups reconvened to share summaries of their discussions with the larger group.



The open house concluded with further opportunity for community members to ask remaining questions and share comments. Additionally, staff provided next steps in the dog park planning process.

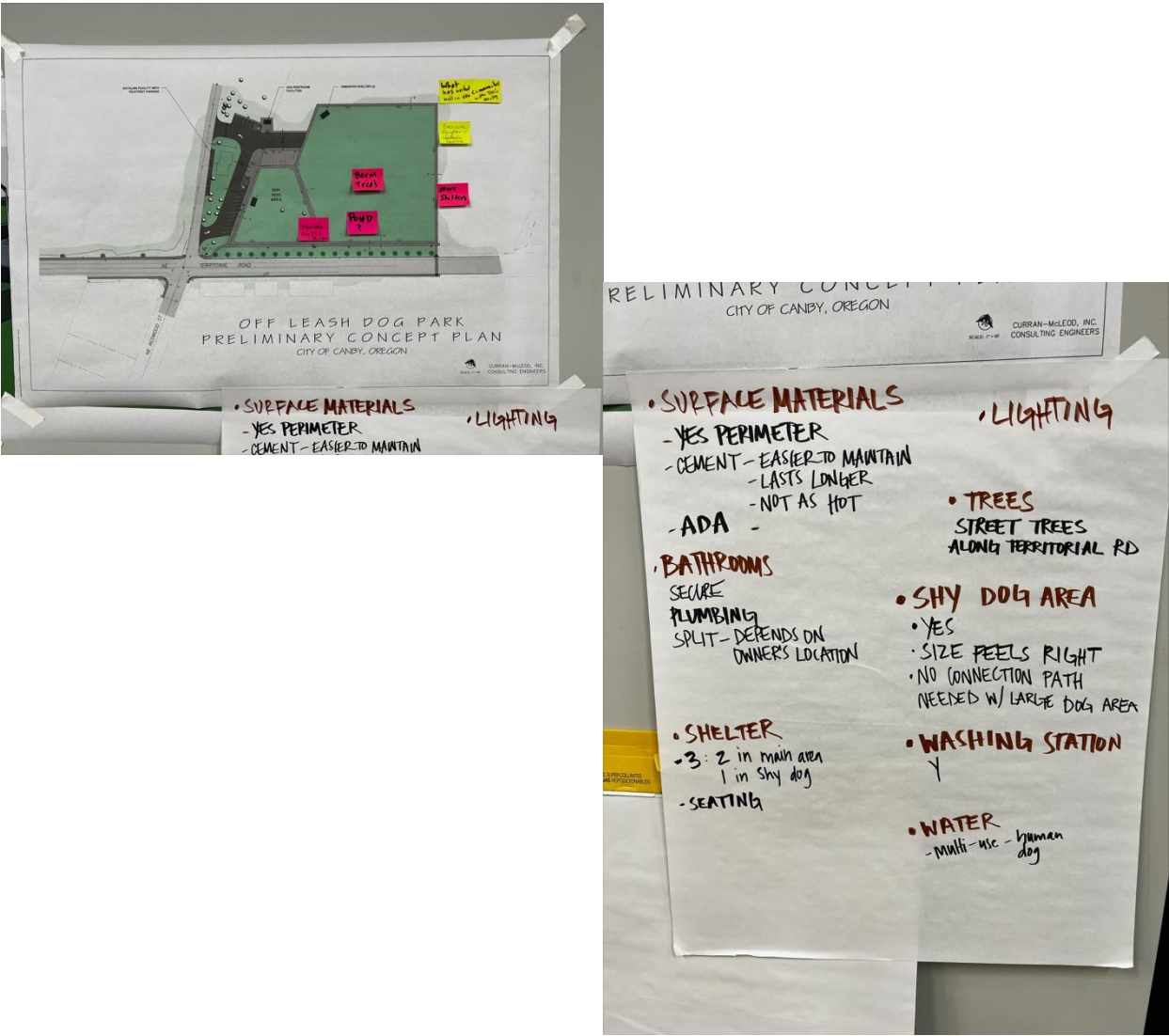


OPEN HOUSE OUTCOMES

The open house resulted in gathering two bodies of community input: 1) park design and potential amenities, and 2) concerns, comments, and questions regarding the planning process.

Park Design Small-Group Exercise

The following images and summary table highlight the input gathered during the small-group exercise for the design and amenity considerations.



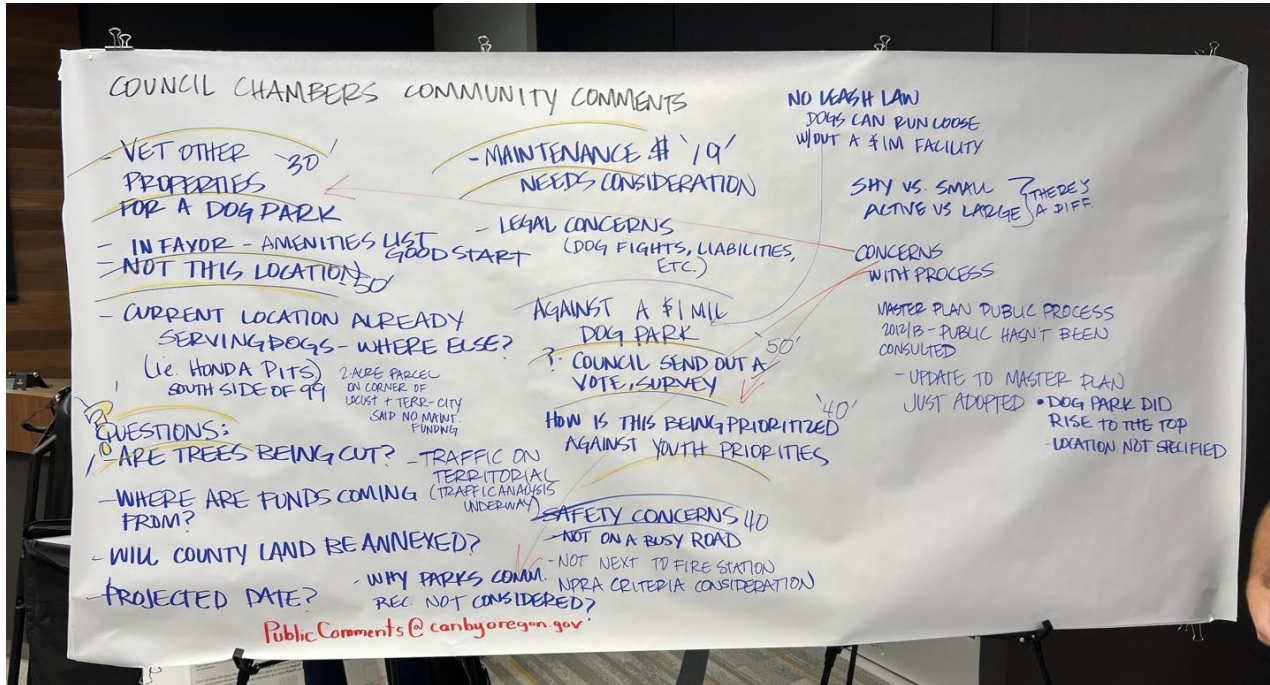
Themes from Park Design and Amenity Small-Group Exercise

Topic	Community Comments
Park Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simpler design with trails as they are currently laid out • Suggested that fenced dog parks are generally only used by a subset of dog owners
Surface Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes on perimeter • Cement - easier to maintain than soft-scape or asphalt, lasts longer, not as hot for dog paws • Some prefer soft material, such as bark dust • ADA
Bathrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, though group was split - Depends on owner's home location if bathrooms are needed and location in facility (not too close to apartments) • Secure • Plumbing, not port-a-potties
Shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like 3 shelters • 2 in the main dog area • 1 in the shy dog area • Include seating • Sitting space under the lean-to shelter • Adequate shade/cover from sun/rain • Larger shelter area (it rains a lot in Oregon, need a bigger space)
Trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prefer street trees along Territorial Road over Leyland cypress. If there is a dog park there, let's not hide it
Shy Dog Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Size on concept map feels right • No connection path to main dog area needed
Washing Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • Would like multi-use for people and dogs • Water fountain
Play Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree stumps and logs for climbing and urinating on • Sallyport area for unleashing/leashing prior to entering the play area

Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No discussion on lighting

Community Comment

The majority of open house attendees remained in the Council Chambers to share their comments during the facilitated conversation. The following image summarizes the key points of the discussion. Where applicable, the number associated with the topic area reflects an informal vote to assign a community priority ranking.



In addition to participating in the facilitated discussion, community members were invited to write their comments on large sticky notes and submit them for consideration. A total of 41 comments were collected during the open house. The following table summarizes the key points from the comments.

Following the open house, City staff collected additional public comments through October 3rd to include community members that attended the open house virtually or were otherwise unable to attend. The City received 13 comments via email and voicemail.

The table on the following page summarizes the top themes with supporting community comments for additional context from the facilitated discussion, written comments during the open house, and comments submitted after the open house.

Themes from Facilitated Discussion + Written Comments

Priority Ranking*	Topic	Community Comments
50	Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not want dog park at this location • Current location already serving dogs - where else? (i.e. Honda pits, south side of 99) • 2-acre parcel on corner of Locust + Territorial - City said no maintenance funding • Community is already using Territorial Road site as unofficial dog park • Consider locations on the south side of town; that is where the need is • Consider multiple smaller dog parks around town instead of one larger one • Traffic will increase due to use of dog park • NPR guidelines disqualify Territorial Road site for location of dog park • Location not safe as dog park traffic will slow Fire Department response to community emergencies
50	Planning Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council send out a vote, survey • Community desire dog park decision be put up for a public vote • Discontent that public was not more informed in the process • Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended against this location
40	How is this being prioritized against youth priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns about the process • Youth need more recreation and outdoor opportunities, Sports complex, etc.
40	Safety concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not on a busy road • Not next to fire station • NPRA criteria consideration
30	Vet other properties for a dog park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In favor - amenities list is a good start
19	Maintenance cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needs consideration • Legal concerns (dog fights, liabilities, etc.) • Public understanding that City did not have funds for any more parks (purpose of \$5

		<p>Parks Fee); do not understand why there are available funds for dog park and not people park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing cost of park maintenance, waste clean-up, restrooms, etc.
N/A	Too expensive; Against a \$1m dog park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No leash law - dogs can run loose without a \$1m facility • Opposed to \$900,000 cost of dog park • Other sites would be less expensive • City funds should be going toward other priorities, such as youth • Spend less on dog park and use funds for youth, sports complex, etc. • Cost of ongoing maintenance • Public understanding was that City did not have additional funds for more people parks and therefore confused why funds are being directed toward a dog park.
	Dog park not needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only a minority of Canby residents will use dog park, put funds towards other priorities • No leash law in Canby allows dogs to run off leash in any park • Residents are already using multiple locations informally for dog exercise, such as the Territorial Road site Molalla State Park • Dog owners should walk their dogs to get exercise at same time, not rely on dog parks
N/A	Off-leash areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a difference between size and activity level of dogs (Shy vs. Small; Active vs. Large) • Concerned about the impact on wildlife • Concerned about losing Territorial Road site as a community asset
N/A	Concerns with Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Plan public process • 2012/13 - public hasn't been consulted • Update to Master Plan just adopted

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog park did rise to the top; location not specified
N/A	Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are trees being cut? • Where are funds coming from? • Will County land be annexed? • Projected date? • Why Parks Commission recommendations not considered? • Traffic on Territorial (Traffic analysis underway)

* The priority ranking included is reflective of the informal vote during the facilitated discussion.

NEXT STEPS

At the City Council's direction, City staff will move forward with the dog park planning process. City staff will put forth the open house summary report to City Council as well make the report public for community review. City staff will prepare dog park design and amenity package options for the Council to evaluate and consider.

APPENDIX

The following written comments were submitted by community members during the community comment facilitated discussion.

	Community Comments
1	\$900,000 is way too much to put into a dog park which will not bring any revenue back in. Something like a Sports Complex would be an investment in our youth and future of can be. It would also create continued revenue when renting out the fields. A dog park would be great somewhere else for far less money.
2	There are concerns that other sites are available that would be less expensive for the dog site. Is the City Council willing to have the city look at costs of other sites with the same amenities shown tonight? What would the cost be at other sites? Rodger
3	Canby has no leash laws. Dogs are currently free to run off leash anywhere in the city. Wasting this amount of money on a dog park that may be used by a minority of residents is foolish. Our youth are our future - our dogs are not.
4	Why does the already approved budget of \$900,000 not include a manicurist and emotional therapy for the dogs? (sarcastically speaking). Cannot the dog owners already walk their dogs in this proposed area without amenities such as showers, fences, and pavement?
5	This should be put before the voters and let them decide. What about the Southside? Or a kids' place?
6	I feel the dog park should not cost the city and taxpayers more money. The park can be made to pay for itself by people using it. Just like any club. This would cause the city to hire more people to care for it and not everyone will be using it. What do the rest of the citizens get out of it.
7	Our children are the future of our nation. Dogs present purpose is too soothe and provide emotional support for their owners only. Dog owners are responsible for the care of their own dogs not the city of Canby's budget. If only 40% of the people own dogs why does 60% who do not own dogs need to support the few to no available benefit. This is no comparison to the school budget or parks for the general public. Dog park seems frivolous to me. I'm tired of walking around dog poop on our public sidewalks and this is not a solution.
8	This needs to be put up to a vote of the people!
9	Let the people of Canby vote if they want a \$900,000 dog park

10	Dogs are valuable. They provide love, companionship, and security. Dogs are especially valuable to older people living alone. They provide another reason to get up in the morning even though you aren't interested in making breakfast for yourself, it is hard to ignore a dog who needs to be fed. Dogs need exercise, but dog owners also need exercise. If the idea of a dog park is for dogs to play with each other while their owners sit and watch, I am not in favor of a dog park it would be better for the dog to take it's owner for a walk.
11	Why aren't all City Council members at this meeting? Why has the City Council not asked the citizens of can be to vote or approve this \$900,000 dog park, the money comes from the citizens of can be! Spend the money on our youth turf fields for baseball, softball, soccer, the ball. Look at less expensive options for a dog park. What City Council members voted for this \$900k dog park?
12	City Council should seek citizen input on this location before they proceed with any further planning. \$900,000 is way too expensive for a dog park. That is a misuse of public funds. A dog park in this location ruins the unique asset we currently have and which so many citizens use and love. The City Council did not vet any other locations for a dog park. That is shameful and is disrespectful to the citizens of Canby. Shame on City Council! Maureen Formick
13	It is ludicrous that the City Council directed staff to move forward with the site at territorial without reviewing more cost effective sites. There are other city owned parks and property that already have bathrooms where a fence could simply be installed for a fraction of the cost.
14	If we only spent \$250,000 for dog park fencing and a few amenities, we would have more money to put into a Sports Complex for kids that would bring money to the city.
15	We are not against a dog park. We are against a \$900,000 dog park at this location please look for cheaper options.
16	City Council is putting the cart before the horse having a workshop to discuss amenities for the territorial dog park when most people do not want the dog park there please review other site locations.
17	Can we discuss having multiple smaller dog park locations sprinkled around can be where we already have infrastructure and might only need fencing? It would be cheaper and would service more of the community.
18	I am in favor of a section for small dogs versus large dogs
19	Why do we not listen to this city parks citizen committee. They did not recommend this location. Lila Springer
20	The parks and rec Advisory Board strongly opposed the Redwood slash territorial site. Why is City Council insisting on preliminary planning period it sounds like a "done deal" without transparency about the decision.
21	Traffic on territorial is increasing dramatically. How much consideration or wait our traffic patterns and control being given?
22	When does South can be start getting civic improvements like a splash pad, pickleball courts and a dog park? Community park needs a facelift.

23	The current open fields serve beautifully as an off-leash park. Don't destroy what is attracting wildlife and people who enjoy the last open places with trees, birds and wildlife.
24	<p>Could we consider a different location, possibly Molalla State Park where most/some of these amenities are already built.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Push traffic out of the city, traffic by 99 E already unfortunate as it is - lower budget - protect the beautiful land we are all so lucky to use. - Consider new built of first respond by park <p>Lenka Howard</p>
25	Regarding the process I would like to know why the City Council is not looking at alternate sites. Is this already a foregone conclusion and the public input is pointless? The NPR a guidelines would disqualify this location. Not only are the other two locations more desirable and respect to the guidelines, they would be much less expensive since most of the infrastructure is already in place. If either of the other two sites were utilized it would free up funds to be used for biking and hiking trails as outlined in the master plan.
26	<p>Location, location, location.</p> <p>How did the council arrive at the location? There has been no community input to make a \$900,000 decision.</p> <p>Why were no other sites considered?</p> <p>There doesn't seem to be opposition to a dog park. It's the location.</p> <p>Michael and Celeste Lucas</p>
27	<p>Seems like so much bureaucracy in order to even interfere/slow down the process. Can these rules be set aside as an exception? Can the current dog park proposal be put on hold until other locations that can be already owned can be vetted. IE same can be taxpayers money to start.</p> <p>Gina Weller</p>
28	<p>Will you be cutting down trees?</p> <p>Where are the funds coming from? (SDC?, tax money?, etc.)</p> <p>Does the county land have to be annexed?</p> <p>What is the projected date to start building the park?</p> <p>Too much traffic, go South</p> <p>Lonna Bollinger</p>
29	<p>I am in favor of a dog park. It is something this community needs. It needs amenities and the list provided is a good start. I am concerned with the location selected. The location selected already serves the community and dogs. I would like to see other areas vetted period to me the area by the police station would be good for consideration. We could add amenities that serve the dog park and youth that used the State Park. This is an underused area that needs improvement. More parking, bathrooms, walking paths, etc. added to this location would improve the use of this area.</p> <p>Jeff Springer</p>

30	That process at the dog park was railroaded, leaving the community input not heard. The city staff did not vet any other properties that this city owns. There should be 2, one on each side of town.
31	Last year a subdivision was approved at locust and territorial. At the Planning Commission meeting, it was pointed out that there was a three-acre parcel owned by the city for a park. The parcel was given to the city by the subdivision to the east side of locust. The developer of the subdivision was asked if he would build the park on the three acres. He said he would, what the city would not approve it because <u>they didn't have the funds to maintain the park.</u> The park would serve at least 200 houses on the north side of territorial. I guess you have the funds to support the dog park long term.
32	This meeting is focused on design but almost all of us want to first decide "is this appropriate?"
33	Names of councilors who voted for this inappropriate use of funds wrong location for a dog park. Many feel wrong with this location! City not listening to its parks advisory committee! Gary Potter
34	Please provide the names of the counselors who voted for this project.
35	Dog park concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cost of ongoing maintenance, annual budget waste pickup - replacing grass, upkeep - legal concerns - dog fights dog injuries. Big dogs injuring little dogs - flea control - panic dog - supervision - Cost of restroom maintenance/trash pickup Kris Hetteman
36	Finally, I would really like the dog park to not be the ice or this one is surely to be. Placed directly in front of one of Canby's most treasured assets, with an ugly 6 foot tall, chain link fence it will look like a little prison driving by that open space reminds us all of what a unique place can be is and how much we have to be thankful for. By contrast, driving by this dog park will only remind us left brash, irresponsible spending, loss of trees and the deafness of our city officials.
37	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board voted 7 to one against this location. Do a cost comparison with other sites.
38	Where are people taking their dogs? How do they rate?
39	What are the council vote details?
40	Majority of people like or have dogs. Some are dog park people, some are not. The City should serve both.

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My dog park wish list:

- the number one feature that a dog park in Canby should have, in my opinion, is safety. With the proposed placement on a main arterial road and perpendicular to the access road used by both public works and now the fire department, the territorial road placement fails miserably in this aspect. Imagine someone loading or unloading their dog when a fire truck sounds there siren in anticipation of the intersection, imagine your family member waiting on the fire department and the trucks being slowed by traffic at the dog park parking lot when every second counts. For the good of us all, safety has to be the top priority for placement of the dog park.

- The second item on my wish list would be that the criteria set forth by the national Parks and Recreation association be followed. These are the professionals, they are widely accepted as the authority for all things park related. With their extensive knowledge and experience they have created a 29 point list of do's and don'ts for placing a dog park it seems utter foolishness to me to ignore their recommendations. I have yet to see anyone from the City Council present credentials qualifying them as experts on all things dog parks. Why would we ignore the industry standards recommendations?

- Third, I am also concerned that the City Council stewards our resources well when considering placement of the dog park. Yes, the masterplan ranked the dog park as high on the list of priorities but certainly not on the top. Topping the list were bike and pedestrian paths and sports fields. Think about how many people trails and athletic fields will serve versus how many folks will use a fenced dog park regularly. The pot of money is certainly large right now, thanks to all of the recent development, but it is also finite. There is only so much land to develop once the money from STC stops flowing we will have to be very conscious of how much we are spending and what we are spending it on. It's like the people whose lives are destroyed because they win the lottery and spend with abandoned until there is nothing left. I don't know how this project jumped the line but our spending needs to be done with much consideration to ALL the park needs.

Cara Hawkins

The following written comments were submitted by community members through email or voicemail after the open house concluded through Monday, October 5th, 2022.

	Community Comments
1	<p>My husband and I couldn't attend last night's meeting. We are completely opposed to having that Territorial property be turned into a dog park. There is nothing wrong with Molalla State Park. The territorial property is so large, it could be broken up into a few options. There are many more ideas out there to look at.</p> <p>Don't be a city council that acts on itself. If that is the direction the council believes in, then take the word "city" out since you're not representing the city.</p> <p>Thank you Cindy Chastain</p>
2	<p>Thank you for posting the dog park workshop meeting online. It was very helpful to watch.</p> <p>I love the idea of a dog park and think the proposed location is wonderful. Many people already use the Eco Park and the walking loop trail to walk their dogs. I think having this location nearby would be a good fit and I love that a bathroom could then also be nearby for use by those using the Eco Park as well. It sounded like some of the amenities have been well thought out. A shy dog section and a brave dog section. A dog wash so you can get the mud off the active players before loading them back in the car is fantastic. I do think some shade would be necessary both for humans and dogs, and I wasn't clear whether any shade trees were part of the plan? I don't think my voice in favor is quite as loud as those opposed, but I thank you very much for giving me the space and opportunity to voice my approval for the plans.</p> <p>~Ericka Engle</p>
3	<p>This should be voted on! It is an absurd Amount of money to be spent on a dog park. I am not a dog owner but have many friends that are- and very well take care of their fur babies- and they think this is the dumbest expense.</p> <p>At least 8 years ago we were told we could not build more human parks because we didn't have the money to maintain them. So we all started paying an additional \$5 a month on our city of Canby bill and that was to build up the funds to help us maintain new human parks..... all that has been built is a splash pad. That is a different fund/budget or so we were told.</p> <p>So what has come of the money at \$5 per household every month for at least 8 years.....</p> <p>\$900k would be better put to use creating something positive for our teens in this town.</p> <p>Kind regards, Jackie Coleman</p>

4	<p>I am strongly opposed to any dog park, due to the fact that most people who use them do not have trained dogs. They take them there to let them run around, and “burn off energy”, while they sit on their butts on a bench, paying attention to their phones, and not keeping track of what their dog is doing. People need to “walk” their dogs, on a leash, everyday. Welcome to being a pet owner, you have to be responsible for them and train them.</p> <p>There is also the potential for dog fights and disease transmission. How do we know who’s dogs are vaccinated or not? How do we know who’s dog will decide to be aggressive to another dog, or to a person, for that matter? A lawsuit just waiting to happen.</p> <p>Then there’s the threat to the natural wildlife that live in those areas. Deer, trees, birds, and small mammals will be chased away for good. If we love dogs, then we obviously love animals, which includes the wildlife.</p> <p>A dog park that costs upwards of \$900,000? Obnoxious. We could spend that money elsewhere. Like Knights Bridge park. There’s a ton of people who use that. Maybe bathrooms? More garbage bins? But not a dog park.</p> <p>-John and Wendy Jarmer</p>
5	<p>I am appalled at the suggestion of creating a new dog park. Already there is an off leash area in Molalla River State Park-dog owners can use it-it's not that far if you are really concerned about your pet exercise /socialization.</p> <p>Money-in large amounts-can be saved, used for a greater population. Safety is another concern. How will surrounding area be free from dog owners who go beyond the park with off leash dogs? Illegal off leash dogs are a reality-consequences?</p> <p>I can't believe special interests have been able to take this proposition this far</p> <p>J Karich</p>
6	<p>I was not able to attend last night's meeting but I would like my comments to be included as part of the record.</p> <p>I am writing regarding the proposal of developing a dog park in the city of Canby. As a long time resident and dog owner I am very excited about the possibility of this addition. Currently we often drive to Wilsonville or even Lake Oswego to visit their dog parks and I love the idea of one more activity that we can stay in our own city to enjoy. I am very concerned, however, with the site of Territorial Road that is currently being proposed. First, from a financial standpoint I have heard numbers from \$700,000 up to \$900,000+ will be necessary to complete this project due to the lacking infrastructure of this site. That is a huge expenditure that is largely unnecessary, and simply put is not good stewardship of the money of the city of Canby. There are so many other improvements that could be accomplished in addition to a dog park at another locale with the same amount of money. Canby has seen exponential growth in the last few years. So much of our greenspace has disappeared due to construction which has displaced our wildlife and destroyed native vegetation. I live in the middle of town and have multiple times recently seen</p>

	<p>deer walking right down the center of the road- they have lost their own homes due to the explosion of housing that has been added. It is heartbreaking to see. Currently the site at Territorial is a haven for wildlife and a beautiful representation of native plants and trees. There is a wonderful walking path frequented by people with and without dogs. I urge you before making a decision to walk this path and see how lovely and tranquil it is, it is difficult to imagine a better way to connect to nature right outside our own backyards. As I stated previously, I enjoy dog parks and I think it is a great addition for Canby but the energy from a dog park is loud and rambunctious, very much the opposite of what you can now experience on the walking path. If a dog park were added to this same site I think it would negatively impact the experience for community members as well as rob more land from the native plants and animals. If there were no other options I could understand the continued push, however there are at least two additional sites that have not been properly considered. From a community standpoint, maintaining the Territorial site as a stand alone nature path and adding a dog park to an alternate site gives us two excellent offerings in our town. Just the other day I met a woman who drives over from Oregon City weekly to visit the Territorial walking path, it is a beautiful amenity that is unique to Canby. I urge you to preserve it as the gem that it is and locate the dog park elsewhere.</p> <p>I have been a part of the community action opposing the current plan and have been incredibly disappointed with the response from the city. The best answer that has been given to why a certain percent of the council keeps vehemently pushing for the dog park at the Territorial site is that this was the plan 12 years ago. That's not a valid answer or response to a large group of concerned citizens as well as the city's own Parks Board which has come out in public opposition. Generally issues such as these can turn divisive within a community, but apart from one subset of the city council I have not heard a single person say that they actually want the dog park plan to be enacted at the Territorial site. Not even on social media which is usually a hive for disputes! The community has spoken loud and clear and I implore the city council to respond in a manner that is representative of the citizens as it is their job to do.</p> <p>Thank you for hearing my concerns, Kate Murphy</p>
7	<p>I wasn't able to attend last night's meeting about the dog park, but I want to add my voice to others. I do not believe that adequate consideration has been given to alternate locations. And, while I know that the price of everything is very high, spending anything even approaching \$1 million on something as nonessential as a dog park is mind-boggling. Please, try harder to go for "adequate but not over-the-top," and also please make an HONEST attempt to site the thing somewhere other than on Territorial.</p> <p>Thank you. Kay Carter 19-year Canby resident</p>

8	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>Regarding the dog park?...what a ridiculous way to spend taxpayers money - dog owners can take their dogs to a park, leashed, and allow it to “socialize” (whatever that means in dog-terms)??? Not only OUR money, but the congestion on Territorial is already ridiculous, this will certainly add to the problem. We are in great need of decent roads, so many potholes and rough roads to swerve around, not to mention, if you do hit one?...there goes your car. So please consider other ways to spend my money?!</p> <p>Thank you, Mendy Flaherty Resident since 1990 ☐</p>
9	<p>A question was posed , twice, at the planning meeting. Which council members voted for or against the Dog park? Both times the answer was "a majority". We would like to know how each member voted.</p>
10	<p>Mr. Potter,</p> <p>I... and cannot attend the meeting tonight. This makes me heartsick because I have been an active advocate of the Canby Dog Park for as long as I can remember, 20+ years.</p> <p>Please accept the attached letter and have it entered into the record as a strong supporter of the Dog Park Project.</p> <p>Please contact me if you have any questions or if there is anything I can do to help this project more forward.</p> <p>Robin Bergin, M.S.</p> <p><i>Attached letter:</i></p> <p>September 28, 2022</p> <p>Canby City Council Ryan Potter, City Planning Chair</p> <p>RE: Support for the Canby Dog Park</p> <p>This letter is written in strong support of the Canby Dog Park. This project is long overdue!</p> <p>When I moved to Canby in 1995 I was disappointed in one thing, I had to drive to other communities to let my pugs run off-leash. Which, I gladly did for five years. However, growing tired of that, I joined the Friends of the Canby Dog Park committee to secure a place where my pugs could romp and play in a secure place in our own town. Here we are, twenty plus years later, still talking about what should have been done years ago.</p> <p>Mayor Hobson is my neighbor. And as unfair as that might be to him, I have approached him several times to question the likelihood of getting a dog park built. To his credit, he has patiently</p>

endured my persistent hounding (no pun intended). I was told it was a top priority, but that according to city rules the postponed maintenance to current city parks due to previous budget shortfalls were required to be fixed before a dog park could be built. He encouraged me by explaining that the \$5 assessed Park fees were going to help hire additional Facilities and Park Maintenance workers so those repairs could be made and we could move forward with building a dog park.

Mayor Hobson promised me that no other “people parks” would be built until we had a dog park built.

Since then multiple new housing developments have been built which apparently requires park-like space to be built by the developers. This causes more maintenance work for the facilities/park employees.

The resistance to a dog park on the part of our City employees who would be asked to provide minimal maintenance for the dog park has been understandable and frustrating. The bid that was acquired to build the original dog park was grossly over-inflated, and included items that were unquestionably obvious for the purpose of sabotaging the viability of the project.

We have also been told that in order to get a dog park built we have to have a volunteer organization step forward to sponsor the park. This makes no sense since no other park in town has such a requirement.

I walk my dog daily. I am a responsible dog owner who keeps my dog on a leash anytime we are off our property and picks up after not only my dog, but after others as well. On more than one occasion I have been bullied and yelled at by a neighbor (not the mayor) for allowing my dog to relieve himself on the bushes planted in the city easement in front of another neighbors house (not even his house and he’s yelled at me for “ruining their plants”). Other neighbors have put up signage asking dog-walkers to stay off their landscape. I accept and respect those signs.

However, I must ask you...when are my fur kids going to get the same luxury as the human kids, to be able to run free, frolic with playmates and not be yelled at for responding to natures call?

Please put the squabbling aside, use the land that has been purchased for the purpose of the dog park and figure it out!!! There will always be those who chose to complain and oppose progress, rather than problem solve and make things happen. But the people of Canby have voted. We want and need a Canby Dog Park. Let’s make it happen!!!

Respectfully,

Robin Bergin, M.S.
Charlie Bergin

Follow-up email:

Mr. Potter,

My apologies, I didn’t realize that the city council had directed staff to move forward to research the feasibility of moving forward with the Territorial location for a dog park. This is exciting news. I was unable to listen past 6:50pm, as the microphone usage was increasingly painful. Many sounded like they were eating the microphone, indiscernible, muffled, and garbled.

	<p>I would welcome any opportunity to be an active member of the planning/implementation of this project. Please keep me in the communication loop/</p> <p>Also consideration for amenities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water fountain • Sitting space under the lean-to shelter • Larger shelter area (it rains a lot in Oregon, need a bigger space) • Tree stumps and logs for climbing and urinating on • Sallyport area for unleashing/leashing prior to entering the play area <p>Thank you for your hard work on this important project. Robin Bergin</p>
11	<p>I've been watching from afar and in spite of not having a dog, I do not have a full understanding of how Canby City Council can proceed with plans to build a park that city residents & tax payers are opposed to, why isn't this on a ballot?</p> <p>Shery</p>
12	<p>Good evening,</p> <p>I am not opposed to a dog park, but not a \$900,000 dog park. I do agree with some of the comments stated in the workshop about the legal issues such as dog fights or a dog getting sick and maintenance. I also think maybe two smaller dog parks one being on the north side and one on the south side might be better. An idea I have for the dog park would be maybe if an agility course was put in maybe seeing if an agility instructor could be hired to teach agility at the park through the city. Also making sure lots of waste bag stations around including on surrounding walking trails.</p> <p>Finally, I would say an idea for a feature I have would be a spray type system that dogs can run through if they want and get sprayed by water if they want.</p> <p>Thank you, Taylor</p>
13	<p><i>Summary of voicemail received Thursday, September 29:</i></p> <p>This voicemail from Sarah Creightonberg (see similarly titled email; actual spelling of last name is unknown) voices general support for a dog park. However, the commenter indicated that she would prefer a simpler design with trails as they are currently laid out, only with added bark dust. She also said she'd appreciate a bathroom. The commenter suggested that fenced dog parks are generally only used by a subset of dog owners.</p>