



City of Austin

Parks and Recreation Department
200 South Lamar Blvd, Austin, TX 78704

September 9, 2011

Re: Yett Creek Park Off Leash Trail Proposal

Dear Meeting Participant,

Per your request provided in this packet are copies of the 4 boards presented at the August 31, 2011 meeting including concepts "A", "B", "C", and Furnishings Board and a concept "D" that resulted from the comments collected at the meeting. Also included is a print of the comment cards combined and a tally of the emails we've received as noted at the meeting. Thank you for attending and your participation at the meeting.

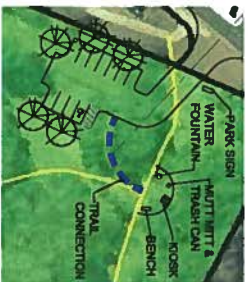
Sincerely,

D'Anne Williams
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City of Austin, Parks and Recreation Department



LEGEND

-  EXISTING NATURE TRAILS
-  PROPOSED OFF LEASH TRAIL
-  PROPOSED ENTRY



PARKING ENLARGEMENT AND TRAIL HEAD



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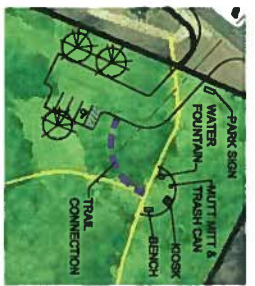
YETT CREEK PARK - OFF LEASH TRAIL CONCEPT

CONCEPT "A"

YETT CREEK PARK - OFF LEASH TRAIL CONCEPT



- LEGEND**
- EXISTING NATURE TRAILS
 - PROPOSED OFF LEASH TRAIL
 - PROPOSED ENTRY



PARKING ENLARGEMENT AND TRAILHEAD
SCALE 1" = 50'

SCALE 1" = 100'



CONCEPT "B"

06/20/21



LEGEND

- EXISTING NATURE TRAILS
- PROPOSED OFF-LEASH TRAIL
- PROPOSED ENTRY



PARKING ENLARGEMENT AND TRAILHEAD



YETT CREEK PARK - OFF LEASH TRAIL CONCEPT

CONCEPT "C"

YETT CREEK PARK - OFF LEASH TRAIL CONCEPT



- LEGEND**
- EXISTING NATURE TRAILS
 - PROPOSED OFF-LEASH TRAIL
 - * PROPOSED ENTRY
 - PROPOSED NEW ON-LEASH SECTION OF TRAIL



CONCEPT "D"

Possible Neighborhood Entrance Improvements



- Maintaining Chimes**
- Option: Gate remains in place for emergency and maintenance vehicles only and a pedestrian entrance is installed.
 - Option: Replace gate with two removable bollards for emergency, maintenance and pedestrian access.
 - Add signage of trail location.
 - Future multi-use concrete trail for bikes and pedestrian use.

- West Coast Path**
- Create a pedestrian only entrance with split rail fencing.
 - Add signage of park rules and on or off leash areas sign.

Neighborhood Park and Off Leash Area Furnishings



Off Leash Area Kiosk



New Park Sign at Primary Entrance



Walk in Neighborhood Entrance



On and Off Leash Area signage



Next Mile Dispenser

Off Leash Area Rules and Trail Etiquette

- Dogs Must:**
- Be on-leash when entering & leaving the OLA's
 - Wear a collar or harness at all times
 - Display tags showing proof of current & complete cycle of vaccinations
 - Be supervised at all times
 - Remain on the leash at all times unless permitted by management
 - Stay within OLA boundaries if un-leashed
 - Not be in heat

- Owner/Guardian Must:**
- Pick up and dispose your pet's waste in the appropriate trash can/ receptacle
 - Always be prepared with pet waste bags on hand
 - Always carry a leash for each dog in your care
 - Have your control over your dog
 - Never allow your dog to jump on people or play rough by your dog
 - Immediately remove your dog when behaving badly
 - Remain in the OLA to supervise your dog
 - Limit 4 dogs per owner/guardian
 - Closely supervise young children
 - Play well with others at all times
 - Be respectful of other visitors
 - Do not feed wildlife
 - Leash all dogs when PARD staff services OLA
- The City of Austin's Animal Control officers have the authority to enforce restraint and pet waste laws. Violators are subject to fines up to \$500. City codes: 3-4-1 & 3-4-6
- Park Hours: 5am - 10pm**

- Off Leash Trail Etiquette**
- Always remember to dog on the park trails - various poisonous vegetation can be found on the park trails that will help avoid erosion and damage to vegetation/wildlife species.
 - General rule of thumb is to behave nature as you found it, items you park in should be packed out with you
 - Always be aware of your surroundings and keep your dog(s) in sight. Wildlife may be found within the trail system particularly, due to the creek also serving as a wildlife corridor. Doggie cleanup stations, disturbing wildlife or displaying aggression towards wildlife are prohibited.
 - Help keep the park trails clean by properly disposing any excess trash and explain pet waste in the available trash receptacles



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1. Do Not Let off
Leash Park . . .

2. IF there is sign to be
one —
Fence off (at least) area
for off leash dogs.

(over)

Do Not Let off Leash
dogs run into Neighbors

I prefer that both
Greek Park and be
a general use park.
IF there are off-leash
dogs it will not be
comfortable using the
park. I do not like

to be that close to
unfamiliar dogs.
There won't be a
way to keep unless
dogs away from people
You might as well
put up a sign that I
not welcome in the park

* Make trail near Cow Path trailhead on-leash only to limit how many misbehaving dogs can enter neighborhood.

* Create a physical barrier ^{fence} between neighborhood houses and ~~the~~ trail.

* Leave the trail, that runs along the south side near the neighborhood, isolate that portion of trail from off-leash trail.

* Take the ~~the~~ Cow Path entrance off the printed map. The neighborhood already knows where that entrance is. Leaving it off the printed map will discourage out-of-neighborhood traffic seeking access to the park.

* Shrink the area in the park devoted to off-leash use.

* Get the maps published to the internet ASAP

Park is needed for people to utilize for exercise as well.

Create parking off outside-sac

on Cow Path using easement trail already created when LL tracks.

Concept	A	No
"	B	Yes
"	C	No, best if necessary

I would like to request that only half of the park be used for off-leash dogs, at the Riata entrance. I would also like to request no signage as the by Cow Path entrance, to prevent additional traffic and parking in the neighborhood.

Creek park be divided into thirds.

a. the 1/3 farthest from Angus Valley become the off-leash trail

b. the middle 1/3 be impervious cover so no need for fences and c. the 1/3 nearest the neighbor be on-leash only

I'm opposed to any fencing, but if necessary, no higher than 4'

JM Boyce

If we must have an off-leash trail, I vote to restrict trail to the NE half of "option B"

J.W. Boyce

It should be clear that the vast majority of the attendees at this meeting don't want an off-leash dog park at the proposed location.

We are concerned about a number of things, especially safety issues if dogs occasionally run out of the park. This wouldn't have to happen very often, to cause problem

Divide the Park -

Any 10' fence off

leash (dam area & near offices)

No fences due to wildlife habitat

Also note the

24. - training area

Barbed long fence

across the O.E. entrance that 1 map shows, as

50% off ~~the~~

Need signs on roads with
neighborhood shut sign

NO ACCESS TO Riata
on Delme from this road

Please,

Have enough
parking in Riata
Entrance.

Please open Mustang Chase entrance
for neighborhood. This means a more
friendly gate and a trail to the main
trail. Miss. Little
(No parking!)

Please open footpath
to Riata Park.

and
May Bayce

large preference -

50% off (at Riata)

50% remaining the zone

you will have
the chain link fence

PARD Yett Creek Park Trail

Citizen Input (as of August 3, 2011):

For: 56

Against: 26

Total: 82

Benefits: resolved traffic issues; educational and community opportunities; less crime and drug use; less homeless people; proximity to home; great environment for dog socialization

- Opening Mustang Chase would allow for much needed access to the park by neighbors and emergency personnel and vehicles (fire truck entrance)
- Main opening on Riata Vista Circle would encourage non-neighborhood visitors traffic to stay out of the neighborhood (prevent parking issues)
- Opportunities for education and community activities (volunteerism, dog knowledge, dog socializing, exercise for all)
- More visitors to the park should help to eliminate vagrants, crime, graffiti, fires, and general misuse
- Located in NW Austin which needs more off leash trail areas
- They are such an important part of what makes Austin a great dog town.
- All dogs need to play and run with other dogs
- It may also eliminate the camps of the homeless.

Concerns: lawsuit risk, lack of parking; no water availability; no buffers to adjacent land use; no kiosks to post information; no bathrooms; increased traffic; increased crime; fire danger; limited space; danger to wildlife; dog waste (odor, cleanup); health risks;

- Leash-free areas are a nuisance and lawsuit risk
- Citizens do not want direct access into Yett Creek Park from West Cowpath
- Citizens do not want parking spaces next to their homes
- No parking area for the park today aside from on-street parking
- Mustang Chase should not be an entrance
- Increased traffic presents danger to those walking, jogging, dogs on leash, baby carriages; possible increase in crime;
- This is a small park. Designating it for off leash use will mean there's not much left of the park for others to use
- The dog trail should be clearly marked and have a large wooded buffer from Angus Valley Neighborhood
- Need bike path and sidewalks to the park would be greatly appreciated
- Lack of Park Dept. enforcement and penalties when off-leash users fail to pick up their dog's poop
- Lack of Park Dept. monetary and personnel resources to keep the park clean for human use, to keep the vegetation and wildlife protected for sustainability