

City of Bellevue Off-Leash Area Study - Comments

Parks & Community Services Board comments

In April 2009, the Park Board endorsed the plan, although individual Boardmembers questioned the following:

- Using the Neighborhood Enhancement Program as a potential funding source.
- The suggested one-year trial period.
- The recommendation to locate an east Bellevue off-leash area in Robinswood Park instead of the park being developed at the Eastgate Area Properties (where an off-leash area is one of the options being considered for the master plan).

City Council comments:

In June 2009 the Off-Leash Area Study was presented to the City Council. The Council took no action on the study, but offered the following positions on several recommendations in the report:

- The decision whether to have an off-leash area at the Eastgate Area Properties should be resolved through the park's master planning process, not through the off-leash study.
- The Council was uncomfortable with the use of NEP funds to implement the recommendations, preferring to fund this project through the normal budget process.
- The Council rejected the idea of an off-leash area at McCormick Park, but was undecided if Downtown Park was an appropriate site. The Council asked the Park Board to further study the location of an off-leash facility downtown, including the merits of a shared-use (unfenced) site at Downtown Park.