

Rice Creek Off Leash Dog Area Subcommittee Meeting Notes

June 16, 2010

Present: Tom Richter, Corrine Evenson, Lisa Peterson, Yaron, Bill Schneider, Jody Yungers, Chuck Hoffman, Angela Mens-Eastman, Marilyn Johnson, Vickie Howard, Sue Anderson, Ken Wehrle

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m. Everyone introduced themselves. County staff reiterated that the purpose of the meeting was to determine the location of fence after receiving input from neighbors and users of the off leash dog area. Using a large map everyone participated as to where they thought the fence line should go.

At 7 p.m. consensus was reached on the following items:

- The pond entrance will no longer be used as the primary entrance.
- The pond will be fenced with a gate for access for those interested in allowing their dogs to use the pond
- The County will make every effort to add as much shade as possible using existing trees when installing the fence
- The fence on the south end of the park nearest the neighbors will be placed in a way that offers minimal impact to the homeowners, most likely towards the base of the hill
- Access from the west side will be located at the trail head intersection and will have an "airlock" gate allowing for dog owners to unleash their dogs in a contained environment
- The north and west gates will have maintenance gates for access
- Ramsey County Parks staff will determine the best location for the emergency exit gate on the east/south sides
- The County will save as many trees as possible during the installation of the fence
- The proposed week of installation will be the week of July 8, provided volunteer work crews are available. Ramsey County Parks Maintenance staff will supervise installation crews.
- Ramsey County staff will stake out the fence line prior to installation and notify attendees who were present at this meeting and via the website that the fence line has been marked.
- Ramsey County staff will post a copy of the map and provide information about the project via the RC website on the Off Leash Dog page.
- Installation should take approximately 3 weeks