



Setti D. Warren
Mayor

Off-Leash Area Working Group

Friday, May 22, 2015

Room 205 (previously room 202)

City Hall-9:30 a.m.

Minutes



Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

1. Reports- Officer Torres, Officer Mikoleit, Jason Roberts

- a. Clafin Playground dog on dog attack February 2015
 - Louise Marshall's dog Bogey was attacked in February by a dog that was off-leash in the Clafin Playground off-leash area and ran up to her home out of the off-leash area. Bogey has had several surgeries. Ms. Marshall is requesting the off-leash area be fenced in or closed down. The group will take the request under consideration.
- b. Cabot Off-leash Area - Off-leash permit 7065-Avital Pinnolis- Suspended for dog on dog bite- vote required
 - Officer Torres was not present – no police report present. Ms. Pinnolis commented Officer Torres recommended taking her dog to obedience school and then the suspended permit would be re-evaluated. Commissioner DeRubeis and the members present agreed with this recommendation.

2. Area Update

- a. Cabot
 - The renovations are complete at Cabot off-leash area. The members discussed reaching out to the users of the off-leash area to ask if they would want to water the grass in the off-leash area. A spigot is located in the area and a hose would be provided.
- b. McGrath Upgrade
 - Commissioner DeRubeis suggested McGrath Off-Leash area be the next area to be renovated.

3. New Business

- a. Small dog off-leash area options
 - The area across from Oakley Spa on Washington Street has been discussed by the group as an option for an off-leash area for small dogs. Commissioner DeRubeis reported the area is currently being used for staging for construction. Alderman Albright reported the area is being discussed as being used for the Austin Street project.