

**Off-Leash Area Working Group**  
**Friday, October 11, 2013**  
**City Hall, Room 202**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attending:** Commissioner DeRubeis, Alderman Susan Albright, Lee McIntyre, Carol Schein, Carol Stapleton

1. Off-Leash Specialist Update

- Mr. Roberts reported there has been increased activity with the nicer weather. Information regarding track meets at Cold Spring Park will be posted on Facebook and signs in the area and the off-leash area will be closed during the track meets.
- Mr. Roberts commented there have been two dog-on-dog biting incidents with an Australian Shepard at Cold Spring Park off-leash area. Commissioner DeRubeis requested Mr. Roberts track down the owner information and follow up with Animal Control Officer Torres.
- Mr. Roberts reported there is a hole in the fence inside the Hunnewell Park off-leash area. The hole is next to the train tracks. Commissioner DeRubeis will follow up with P & R Maintenance.

2. Area Updates

- *Thompsonville Playground*- Commissioner DeRubeis spoke with Mr. Tresca who owns the condominiums abutting the playground where the proposed off-leash area would be located. Mr. Tresca initially stated he is ok with the proposal and will try and make one of these meeting to discuss the proposal with the OLAWG members. Alderman Albright asked if the Law Department has made a decision on who holds the deed to the playground. Commissioner DeRubeis stated not yet.
- *Newton South High School* – Alderman Albright has met with the vice principal and sent a map of the proposed location. Next Alderman Albright will meet with the principal. Mr. McIntyre would like to attend the meeting.
- *Spears Park* – Alderman Albright requested Commissioner DeRubeis set up a meeting with the neighborhood and Alderman Lennon to discuss the proposal.
- *Clafin Playground* – the cost of the new fence is \$12.5k and the price includes replacing the existing fence and adding a 10' extension on the right side only.
- *Cabot Park* - The signs need to be updated to include "or dusk if the sun sets before 7pm" under the weekend hours.

3. New Business

- Commissioner DeRubeis requested a 6 month report from Officer Torres of incidents both inside and outside the off-leash areas.

4. Next meeting

- The next meeting is Friday, October 25 at 9:30am in Room 202 at City Hall.