



September 11, 2018

Re: Community Response to the Dog Park Proposal

On September 3rd we sent out a notification to our residents looking for feedback about a proposed dog park as presented by a committee of residents at the August HOA Board Meeting. Thank you to everyone who replied and to those who sent direct emails with your input. We received approximately 150 responses not counting the direct responses received in passing.

We've completed our analysis of the feedback this past weekend. Approximately 70% of the responses do not support a dog park at the proposed location. Many concerns shared with us were the location due to the green space entrance into Savannah Lakes, the size of the dog park (too small), proximity to the existing homes, noise levels, liability to the HOA, parking and the significantly increased traffic along Island Estates Drive since the Fort Hamer Bridge opened. The remaining 30% of the respondents were in favor of the dog park and felt it would be an asset to our community.

Based on the analysis we are not going to move forward with a Dog Park. The dog park committee will continue to look into other possibilities including utilizing existing dog parks elsewhere and requesting that the county add a dog park into the plans for the Fort Hamer Park that will be built in the near future.

A huge thank you goes out to the Dog Park committee who worked so hard to address this project. They did a large amount of research regarding all the requirements based on their previous experience at other parks (primarily at Cross Creek before non-residents were no longer allowed to utilize their space). They first brought their ideas to a few members of our Board and then presented it at the August HOA Board meeting. We appreciate their thoroughness and their positive drive to add to our community as well as their understanding with our decision.

The HOA Board