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## Fwd: Comment to Mayor and Council

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Wed, Jun 15, 2016 at 2:15 PM

To: Tracy Beck <tbeck@mesquitenv.gov>

FYI: This came in to Mayor/Council.

Thanks

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From: **Joy Eastwood** <records@mesquitenv.gov>

Date: Wed, Jun 15, 2016 at 11:22 AM

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### Comment to Mayor and Council:

Subject: **Redd Hills Dog Park**

Time Reported: Wed Jun 15 2016 11:22:46 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Name: Bill Parker

Email: will2@bajabb.com

Comments: 15 June 2016 Dear Mayor Littman and City Council. My name is Bill Parker. I want to thank the Mayor and the City Council and those that Represent the City for giving me/us the opportunity to bring forth an issue that has arisen specifically in the last six months regarding Redd Hills Park. A park that is noted as being a Dog Friendly Park by the City. I will try to be brief and to the point. I represent a small group of Mesquite citizens and their dogs that utilize the Redd Hills Public Park almost every morning between 8:30 am and 10:30 am. Many that live near the Redd Hills Park. Most all of us moved to Mesquite because of the low crime rate, a well managed city and close to a variety of outdoor activities that surround our city. One of the most attractive things about Mesquite is the fact that we have found Mesquite to be very dog friendly. In fact Mesquite promotes itself as being Dog friendly, additionally to Animal Control being very professional, fair and understanding towards the people I am representing. Most all of us have been coming to the Redd Hills Park for over four years with our dogs without any issues. It is very close to where we live in Mesquite in addition to several people that live around the park also. As an accommodation we have always been allowed to let the dogs run free unless a park visitor asked us to put them on a leash which we agreed and were glad to do. Issues: About a year ago a man brought a young playful but large German Shepherd to the Redd Hills Park and let him run off leash. This created a problem for one resident of the surrounding neighborhood. I personally asked that dog owner to keep the Shepherd on a leash or don't keep coming to the park because Animal Control came to deal with the Shepherd almost everyday. Since that individual has taken his Shepherd elsewhere. Even after this issue was resolved some of the residence around the Redd Hills Park have called Animal Control on a daily basis whether our dogs were on a leash or not. Several dog owners can't place their small dogs on a leash due to disability utilizing devices that prevent them from using a leash. They are covered under federal ADA Laws. Other owners at times place their dogs on a leash but allow them to walk close to them under their control. I have placed my dog on a 100 ft tether so he can run and catch a frisbee yet some homeowners still call animal control. I have placed him on this tether under NV Statute 574.100. I am a 100% Combat Disabled Veteran. 2 Last month there was a meeting at the Park with City Officials, the Mayor and Animal control. I asked for this meeting to show them our small dog owner group and how we watch out for each other and each others dogs and clean up after our dogs or for those that can't due to disability as the were off leach. During this meeting at the Park I counted 12 homeowners that live around the Redd Hills Park at the meeting. I heard as I believe some City Personnel also heard statements by these individuals the following:  This is our neighborhood you don't belong here.  I am going to hire an attorney to keep you out of our park  Cheese with rat poison is effective  Just wait until our Judge gets back in town he will fix this  This is our park go use another  Where do you live  Take your dogs to another park  You people are not welcome here  This park belongs to our Lakeview II subdivision  Your dogs are not licensed to be here.  None of you pick up after your dogs.  How would you like it if we brought our dogs to where you live.  I am going to call Animal control everyday until you don't come here anymore. I want to is Redd Hills Park Public property? Don't we all pay Taxes to enjoy OUR parks no matter where they are? It is my opinion and I truly believe that this is no longer about dogs. But about the homeowners simply do not want us or anybody else for that matter to utilize

this park. I believe they feel it is a green space/area just for them and their use. 3 Therefore We request that a Redd Hills Park be authorized as a run free park on this side of the City so dogs can run free and for those under the Federal ADA to enjoy their dogs without threat of citation for being off leash. Or We ask that the homeowners living around this public park to stop their harassment of us and wasting city resources regarding false reports of dogs running loose or allowed to be loose when under voice command and control under Federal ADA Law for those that use devices to walk or have other medical apparatuses that prevent them to use a leach. Lastly We have also learned that petitions are being processed by some homeowners living around Redd Hills Park made into a NO DOG Allowed park and prevent a fence from being built for the dogs to run free in the dimensions required. We ask the city to dismiss these petitions and approve this request for a fenced dog park at Redd Hills Park. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Bill Parker Mesquite Resident 5.5 years

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