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Subject: Dog Park vote aug 31

Hello Councilors and Parks Department,

I am writing to SUPPORT and encourage the approval of the dog park proposed for Riley Road. This is an awesome project!

This is my dog, Nero. He LOVES to run. LOVES to play with other dogs. We have a few not-so-secret walking trails where we are likely to meet other folks with dogs who love socialization and high-energy dog play. I would be SO happy to have a place to bring Nero where he can get the exercise he needs and wants, right in our neighborhood. And a place where he can be off-leash legally! And I can be a compliant Duluthian.

Winter is a rough time to have a dog; a dog park will allow brief periods of exercise for both of us. Safely--not on a road, or a trail meant for winter sports.

This is an amenity. The city in which my sister lives now has schools and nursing homes begging the city planning department to create dog parks adjacent to their facilities. It's good for humans to be around animals, even if they aren't in our laps.

My neighbors will thank you. Nero is a wonderful guy, but he's not everyone's favorite lawn game. Our street is lined with dog owners--and we all agree that the dog park is the ideal place for hanging around * with * our dogs!

These dog parks are useful, meaningful, and humane--for humans and dogs. What a perfect addition to our stellar park system in Duluth.

Looking forward to getting started on the volunteer construction team at the Riley Road Dog Park,

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