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Aaron Mount (Project Planner),

For your consideration, please find at the attachment my concerns regarding the proposed dog park in El Dorado Hills for the Planning Division hearing on 24 July 2014.

Regards,~~Andy Schildt

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Reference: Special Use Permit Revision SO3-0005-R-3/EDH Community Dog Park

Bottom Line: This proposed park is in the wrong location. A much better location is the eastern portion of the Art Weisbur Park. This is an established grassy park which is extremely underutilized.

I live along an arm of the New York Trail and for the past 4+ years, have walked my dog every morning, rain or shine. Not only do we know most of the dogs and their owners along the trail, but also the ecology of the creek, 12 months of the year.

The proposed dog park site is in a delightful wooded area that recently has already been spruced up, all the trees have been trimmed and the uneven ground filled with shredded grass cuttings and wood chips. This area lends itself now more for a delightful people sitting area than a fenced area for dogs.

The proposed siting of the dog park is way too close to the running waters of New York Creek. The proposed fence line is 10 feet from New York Creek, however the narrative for this Special Use Permit does not address the starting dimension line from the creek, if from the centerline, the low water mark during the summer months, or if it is the highwater line during the heavy rainy season. During the rainy season, I often walk on the existing trail that currently runs thru the proposed dog park site. This trail is flooded, not only from the large run-off from the adjacent 30+ acres sports fields, but also from New York Creek overflowing its banks. Also the proposed area cannot be raised to the same elevation of the sports field without killing the oak trees that are at a lower level. None of the polluted waters from dog feces and urine should flow into Deer Creek as is now envisioned.

Another area not addressed and should be addressed by the Planning Division, is the level of healthcare required for dogs that visit a dog park. Each owner does not provide the same level of healthcare for their pets. A healthy dog should have heartworm, distemper, hepatitis vaccination and also follow-up boosters. Living this this urban/rural interface area, I do not want to see another Government agency telling me what to do when I take my dog for a walk.

The Planning Division should not approve this park at this location: There is no percolation for the run-off into the ground; the park is too close to a waterway Also from a planning division standpoint, the major problem is that a dog park is not a safe place to be for dogs and owners. Did the dogs come with responsible humans? Are the dogs healthy and fully vaccinated? Yes, I am not a fan of a dog park.

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