



City Council

Dog Park Committee

~ Minutes ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

Anthony I. Wilson
413-787-6170

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

3:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

I. Call to Order

3:00 PM Meeting called to order on March 27, 2019 at City Hall -- Room 200, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Orlando Ramos	Vice President - Ward 8 Councilor	Present	

II. Public Portion

III. Review 2018 Report

IV. Discussion of CPA Application

The Dog Park subcommittee convened from 4/12/18-12/5/18. It was composed of members Debra Manfredi, Jessica Gower, Hannah Orenstein, Pamela Peebles, Thomas Lott, Victor Davila, and Chair, Councilor Marcus Williams. The Directors of Park and Recreation and Health and Human Services, Pat Sullivan and Helen Caulton-Harris, respectively, attended meetings when possible to offer input and stay abreast of ongoing conversations. Below, there are several points of discussion that took place under the areas of funding, location and outstanding concerns. Please feel free to use this report to help guide further dialogue regarding the creation of a dog park.

Funding

-Pat Sullivan expressed need for schematic design funding to help determine best location and size of dog park and funding for construction

-Councilor Williams asked committee member Hannah Orenstein (TJO Animal Director) if the TJO O'Connor Foundation would be willing to take on this project, as an extension of their 5013c status, to help funnel charitable contributions. After meeting with the foundation staff, it was expressed their priorities at the current time primarily regarded dog health and wellness.

-Committee members questioned whether the City, or an entity within, could set up a crowd-sourcing platform to help raise donations online for the park

-Committee members wondered who would be the entity which receives charitable donations from dog/pet lovers