

Dog Park Project – Input Session Comments/Questions:

Meeting held: May16, 2023

Farina Floods

How much space could be utilized at Sauta

Sauta parking lot gets extremely busy and overflows onto main street on Saturdays and Sundays

Walkable and accessible spots for dogs are needed in town

Why do we need a dog park

Does lighting impact neighbors...Is it necessary

How would a dog park impact property values

How much noise will this create

Once the natural buffer around farina drops its leaves, there is no noise buffer

There is sewer/waste residual on farina

Parking is already a problem at the Sauta parking lot

Farina is a filled wetland, floods frequently, root system of turf grass is very shallow, it is legal/allowable to build so close to sensitive resource areas, why invest funds into an area that has so many environmental challenges

If Farina floods, then how has it been used as an athletic field

Sewage back ups on farina field have occurred in the past

Parking at farina may limit the size of the park, Sauta therefore may be a better fit

Are other sites being considered, such as along the ARRT, the social value the dog park will bring to the community will be highly impactful

Based on personal experience noise and dog waste will not be an issue

½- ¾ acres seems small, what size parks have been previously built

Sauta is within the watershed district and that should be taken into consideration

What about the ongoing maintenance, what's the plan for that