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## **Dog Park Discussion at Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting Draws Large Attendance and Public Input**

*Public Input Reveals Support for Dog Park at Foothill Road and Alden Drive*



*The site of proposed dog park on Foothill Road and Alden Drive in Beverly Hills.*

*Beverly Hills, Calif.* – On Tuesday, August 25 the Beverly Hills Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting included discussion of a dog park at Foothill Road and Alden Drive in Beverly Hills. Beverly Hills Director of Community Services, Steve Zoet, sent approximately 1,300 letters to adjacent residential and commercial addresses informing occupants of the Commission’s meeting and the opportunity to attend and provide input if desired. Recipients of the letter also had an opportunity to email their input if they couldn’t attend the meeting in person. The room was filled to capacity and 23 people spoke in favor of the dog park. Forty-seven people sent in letters of which 41 stated in favor of the dog park and 6 opposed.

There were many issues addressed, including the location, hours of operation, leashed vs. off-leashed, licensing, design features and more. After listening to public input, the Recreation and Parks Commission recommended that the dog park be located at Foothill Road and Alden Drive and the park hours coincide with other Beverly Hills primary park hours which are daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Other issues are under further review and will be discussed at future Special Meetings in September. Once the Commission finalizes all recommendations, they will present recommendations to City Council.

A Recreation and Parks Commission Special Meeting has been scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> with a site visit to the proposed dog park location at approximately 9:15 a.m. on Foothill Road and Alden Drive. The meeting will reconvene at City Hall Room 280-A with further dog park discussion. The public is welcomed to attend the site visit and discussion at City Hall.

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