



PORT of OLYMPIA

Citizens Advisory Committee

Temporary Dog Park

Staff Lead:
Commissioner Downing
Background:
<p>The Port can be more involved in the community, and provide an additional public amenity simply by using a small amount of its vacant land for a temporary dog park. Many people have dogs, but no place in Olympia or Tumwater for them to allow the dogs to run free and socialize with other dogs. There is only ONE off-leash dog park in Thurston County, located way east at the Hawks Prairie Waste Transfer Site. Dog socialization is important to teach dogs proper behavior around people and other dogs.</p> <p>The Port has vacant land in Olympia, and in Tumwater. Why not create a temporary dog park that would be able to be relocated once/year. This is important, so that the benefit of the dog park can be realized, but not supplanting possible leasing of a particular site to a Port lessee.</p> <p>The city of Olympia has a shortage of off-leash dog parks. I would think that the City Council could get behind this, and support whatever permitting is required. This could be a great joint effort by the City and the Port.</p>
Scope of Work:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Who will pay for fencing, benches, dog doo-doo bag stations, water, port-a-potties, barkmulch for a walking trail, gravel base?2. What is the total estimated cost of a moveable dog park?3. What permits are required from city?4. Is this a legitimate use of Port funds, and can we donate use of land?5. How to handle push back from people who think Port should use land instead for homeless camping?6. What security needed to prevent unauthorized use of the park?7. What Port sites might work for this?
Timeline:
4 months.

