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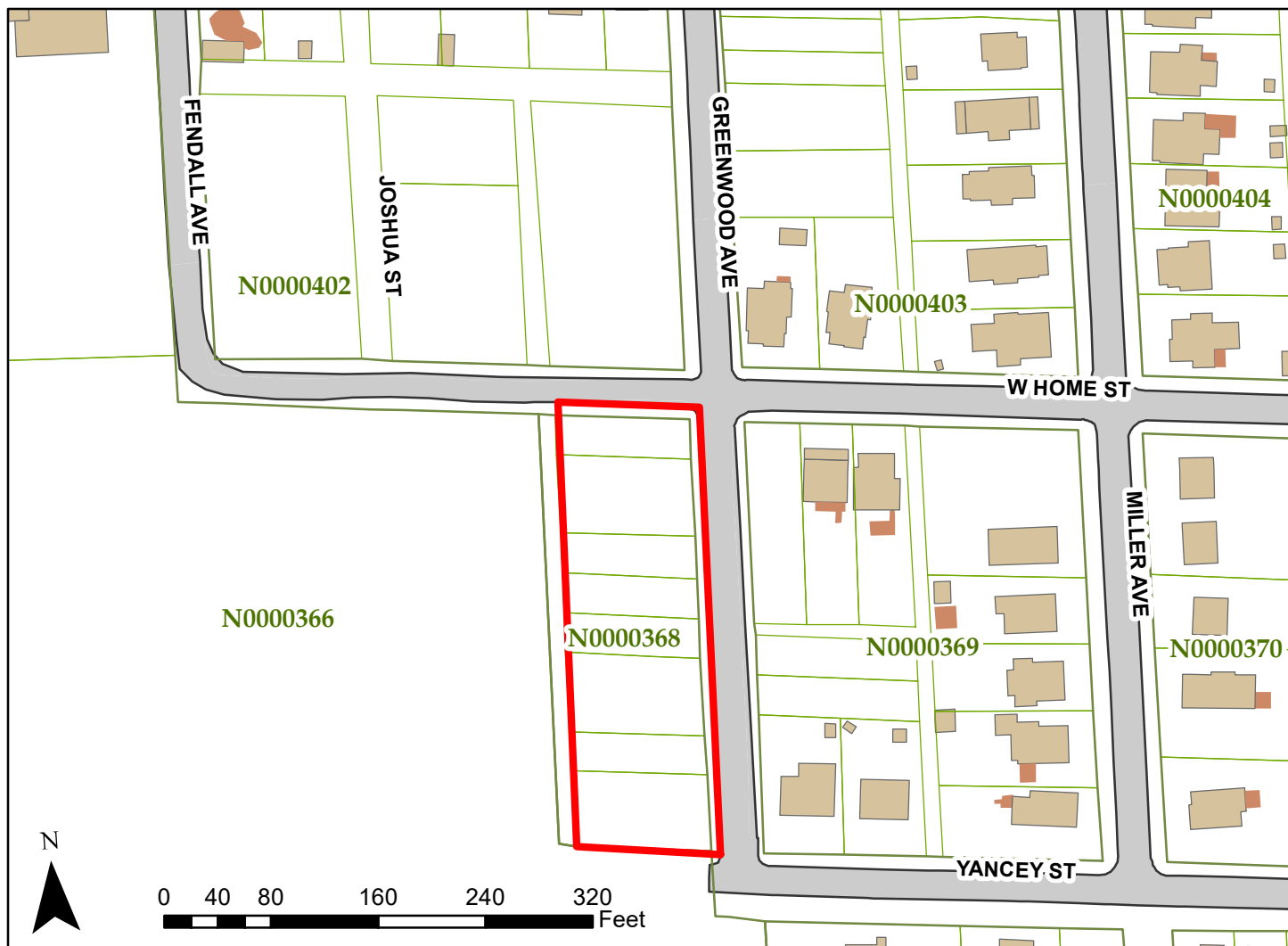
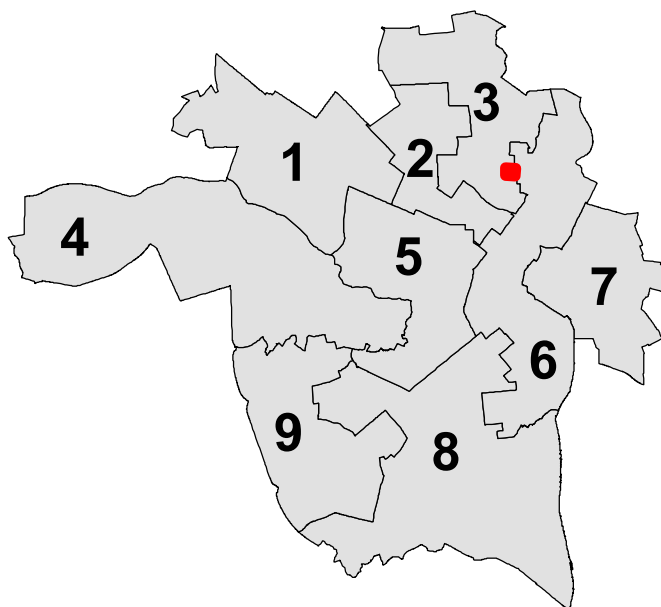
Location, Character, and Extent

LOCATION: 1920-1804 Greenwood Avenue

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

PROPOSAL: Conceptual review of a new neighborhood dog park in Southern Barton Heights, approximately .9 acres in size.

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Proposed New Dog Park to be Located in Southern Barton Heights

Purpose of the Project

The purpose of the project is to build a new dog park to be located in Southern Barton Heights (Project). The site to be developed is approximately 0.90 acre in size. The lot will be divided into a large dog park approximately 0.75 acres in size and a small dog park approximately 0.15 acres in size. A mix of materials will be used for landscaping including concrete for high traffic areas, a pervious geotextile overlaid with gravel for medium traffic areas, and grass for lower traffic areas (see conceptual landscaping plan).

Project Background

Due to its convenient location, fence, and central location, a group of neighbors had been using the Chandler Little League ball field as a pseudo dog park. In a post on Nextdoor.com we were warned that this was unacceptable and that others had been using the field and leaving it in poor condition. As a response, neighbors decided to work together and request a new dog park closer to the Battery Park neighborhood. Empty, city owned sites of approximately an acre in size and within a mile radius of the Chandler Little League field were reviewed. Four possible, city-owned sites were reviewed and discussed at a meeting in January 2018. The neighborhood group decided that the empty lots next to the Albert Norrell School on Home Street was the preferred location for a new dog park. A request for this site to be turned into a dog park was made at the January 2018 Richmond City Council meeting. At this meeting, our 3rd district City Council person, Chris Hilbert stated that he tentatively supported this idea. A meeting was held with Chris Hilbert to discuss the plan moving forward.

The neighborhood group met individually with Mr. Hilbert on February 11, 2018. At this meeting, Mr. Hilbert asked us to look into broad based community support for the project. In response, our group created a Facebook page and an email list serve to provide updates and collect feedback on the proposed dog park.

In the Spring of 2018, our group began outreach efforts by attending local Civic Association meetings (Battery Park and Southern Barton Heights) to discuss the park and collect feedback on creating a neighborhood dog park in the empty lots currently along Home Street (immediately north of the current proposed park location). While feedback received at these meetings was in

support of the Project, there was concern that the lot along Home Street is used as overflow parking for football games at the Albert Norrell School.

The Southern Barton Heights Civic Association requested additional outreach in the neighborhood. On May 5, 2018, volunteers canvassed the neighborhood. The neighborhood group knocked on doors in an area encompassing approximately 200 homes around the proposed park and discussed the park with residents. For anyone who did not want to speak with us or for residents who were not home, pre-addressed and stamped post cards were left behind explaining our goals and asking for feedback. The response by neighbors in Southern Barton Heights was overwhelmingly positive.

Our next step was to begin meeting with the City Parks and Recreation Department. Talks with the Parks and Recreation Department began in September of 2018. After a review of community feedback the empty lots along Greenwood Avenue were identified as the Proposed Location for the dog park. A Conceptual Site Plan was developed by a professional landscape architect and neighbor who volunteered time to help with the park. The Conceptual Site Plan was mounted on a foamcore board and brought to another round of local civic association meetings (Battery Park and Southern Barton Heights) and a Friends of Battery Park meeting. Again, the response from the neighborhood was overwhelmingly supportive. The Site Plan submitted with this application is the Conceptual Site Plan updated to reflect feedback received at the civic association meetings.

The lots along Greenwood Avenue are an ideal location for the dog park. The lots are City owned and combine to a total of approximately 0.90 acre in size and have shade from existing trees which will be maintained. The lots are located within a floodplain and so cannot be developed with structures (homes or businesses). Additionally, the lots are located above an old landfill and the soil is not adequate for growing food (community garden). The character of the area fits a dog park as it is surrounded by recreational resources. The lots back up to First Tee of Richmond and are adjacent to the Albert Norrell School but are far enough to provide some separation from the dog park and areas where children frequent.

Budget and Funding Sources and Project Timeline

Our group intends to incorporate under the EnRichmond Foundation to become a “Friends of” group. We will use our “Friends of” group to raise money and support for maintenance within the Dog Park. The “Friends of” group will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the City’s Parks and Recreation Department on division of responsibilities within the Park.

Additionally, a large donation has been offered by a pet supply company to help the development of the Dog Park.

Our group would ideally like to see construction begin in winter 2019 for a spring 2020 opening.

Site Plan

The Site plan submitted with this application depicts the dog park as proposed. No buildings are proposed on site and no dedicated parking areas are proposed. It is likely that the park will predominantly be accessed by pedestrians and neighbors within the area. Street parking is ample

in the area. Our group would like to request that parking be allowed in the Albert Norrell school parking lot or potentially in the empty lot along Home Street which is currently used for overflow football parking. The entire site will be an open recreational area. No future expansion is planned at this time.

Landscaping on site will maintain existing trees with no trees planned for removal and no new trees or other plants added. To prevent erosion, materials of varying hardness will be used based on degree of traffic. Concrete pads are proposed at gates as these are the highest traffic areas. Watering stations will be located at concrete pads as a City water line is located along Greenwood Avenue. In the area closest to the fence where the majority of play will be, pervious geotextile overlaid with gravel will be used. A "Flexi-pave" walkway will boarder the gravel area. The back of the site will be maintained as grass.

Currently, street lights are located along Greenwood Avenue. No new light poles are proposed but we are requesting the City extend lighting over the park as well. Benches will be located primarily along the fence line bordering Greenwood Avenue. Trash collection would be located along Greenwood Avenue in the small dog park and Home Street along the large dog park.

Thank you for your review of the enclosed materials. If you need any additional information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at 804-305-4392 or email shelley.campbell09@gmail.com. Mr. Heywood Harrison at the Parks and Recreation Department is the Project sponsor.

Sincerely,

Shelley Campbell



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Application Type (select one)

- ☒ Location, Character, & Extent
☐ Section 17.05
☐ Other:

- ☐ Encroachment
☐ Design Overlay District

Review Type (select one)

- ☒ Conceptual
☐ Final

Project Information

Submission Date: _____

Project Name: Yet to be named Battery Park Dog Park

Project Address: 1920-1804 Greenwood Ave. Richmond, VA 23222

Brief Project Description (this is not a replacement for the required detailed narrative):

New neighborhood Dog Park to be located in Southern Barton Heights. The site to be developed is approximately 0.90 acre in size. The lot will be divided into a large dog park approximately 0.75 acres in size and a small dog park approximately 0.15 acres in size. A mix of materials will be used for landscaping including concrete for high traffic areas, a pervious geotextile overlaid with gravel for medium traffic areas and grass for lower traffic areas (see conceptual landscaping plan).

Applicant Information (a City representative must be the applicant, with an exception for encroachments)

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Main Contact (if different from Applicant): Shelley Campbell

Company: N/A-City Resident, Friends of Yet to be Named Dog Park Phone: 804-305-4392

Email: Shelley Campbell

Submittal Deadlines

All applications and support materials must be filed no later than 21 days prior to the scheduled meeting of the Urban Design Committee (UDC). Please see the schedule on page 3 as actual deadlines are adjusted due to City holidays. **Late or incomplete submissions will be deferred to the next meeting.**

Filing

Applications can be mailed or delivered to the attention of "Urban Design Committee" at the address listed at the top of this page. **It is important that the applicant discuss the proposal with appropriate City agencies, Zoning Administration staff, and area civic associations and residents prior to filing the application with the UDC.**

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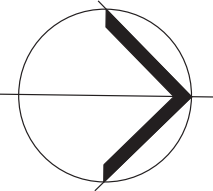
The UDC is a ten member committee created by City Council in 1968 whose purpose is to advise the City Planning Commission (CPC) on the design of projects on City property or right-of-way. The UDC provides advice of an aesthetic nature in connection with the performance of the duties of the Commission under Sections 17.05, 17.06, and 17.07 of the City Charter. The UDC also advises the Department of Public Works in regards to private encroachments in the public right-of-way.



BATTERY PARK DOG PARK

NORTHSIDE, RICHMOND

AERIAL IMAGE

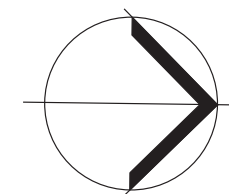




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SITE PLAN



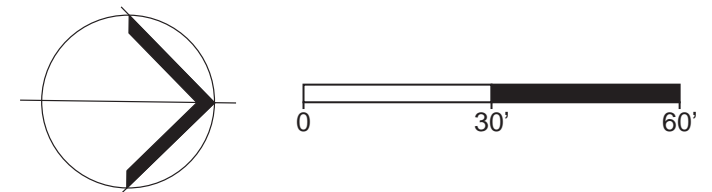
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