

## **Initial Response from Councilmember Yeager's Office Regarding Requests for Temporary Dog Park Solutions and Animal Control. 8/26/04**

Thanks for sending (the emails) to Ken. I have been keeping him in the loop in regards to the concerns and needs of the Lincoln Hound Society and I know he appreciates your community involvement.

Ken asked that I respond and let you know that we are continuing to speak with SJUSD and our Parks Department. My understanding is that our folks in Parks Recreation and Neighborhood Services Parks Planning Division should be finishing up a proposed design by September 1, at which point our District 6 Parks Manager will have an opportunity to review the proposal and speak to with the folks at facilities for SJUSD.

**(Following paragraph is in response to making the current tennis court area a temporary 'safe harbor')**

This is the first I've heard of dedicating space on Lincoln's property near the tennis courts for an off leash area in the immediate future. In order for the City to agree to sanction off leash activity, there would have to be fencing and some other amenities set up out there. Are Chris Funk and SJUSD comfortable with sectioning off part of the current property?

Also, in terms of a temporary dog park being established at Hester, it would be up to SJUSD to agree to let dogs and dog owners use the field as an off leash site. Until such an agreement was reached, and the area was secured appropriately, Animal Care and Services could not sanction off leash activities at Hester.

I would encourage you to follow up with the school district, should you wish to discuss the possibility of an interim dog park at Hester. I am aware that Hester School is being considered for use as a campus for a charter school beginning as early as next year. Construction to remodel the facility would be necessary prior to any occupancy, meaning that public access to the school grounds would be restricted during construction.

Again, thanks for your email. I'm continually impressed by the organization and the dedication of the members of the Lincoln Hound Society.

Best,

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