



MEMORANDUM

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DATE: November 13, 2008

TO: Parks & Community Services Board Members

FROM: Brian Krause, Project Manager
Glenn Kost, Planning & Development Manager

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SUBJECT: Off-Leash Update

ACTION REQUESTED: None - Feedback only

At the July 8, 2008 Park Board meeting, several citizens expressed interest in creating an off-leash facility at the Downtown Park for smallish dogs, and other residents have requested an off-leash facility be incorporated into the Eastgate Area Properties Master Plan. Since the requests, staff have been examining current Bellevue off-leash practices and those of other communities. Our goal is to develop formal recommendations on the direction that Bellevue should take in providing facilities for dogs off-leash in our park system.

We have completed a significant amount of research to-date, and will present our findings and conclusions at the November 13, 2008 meeting, and request Park Board feedback. Specific recommendations for expanding off-leash opportunities will not be presented, but will be included in a final report when we return to Park Board in early 2009. We would then present the Park Board recommendation to the City Council.