

# Dorothea Dix Park

## Dog Park Transition FAQ

### **Why is the dog park temporary?**

Based on the success of the Pop Pup-Alooza events, it was decided that the former athletic field could easily be converted temporarily into an off-leash dog park for everyday use. However, this location is part of a Phase 1 project area, the Gateway Plaza and Play.

### **How long will the dog park exist in its current location?**

The current plan is for construction on the Gateway to potentially start in late 2021. Upon approval from City Council to move forward with the design process in November 2019, it was determined that a relocation space needed to be identified for the temporary dog park.

### **Will the next dog park space have the same qualities as the current location?**

Upon opening the temporary space, we have heard that dog owners appreciate that the off-leash area is large with grass and shade. We have also heard the desire for water access and more parking. These amenities are being considered while identifying potential spaces to move the dog park. We look forward to engaging more with dog owners in the community about what they envision for our off-leash areas as Dix Park evolves.

### **What is proposed in the Master Plan for dog parks in the future of Dix Park?**

During the master plan process we heard from community members that off-leash dog area was an essential component to be included in the future of Dix Park. The areas identified in the Master Plan were a best guess and understanding at the time for how dog parks could fit into the larger scope of park. The Dorothea Dix Park Master Plan is a conceptual document for the overall vision and guide that allows for the details to come to life. The Master Plan does not include specific design plans or details for individual projects throughout the park. As with other projects, there will be more community conversation around the actual planning and design of the dog park areas.

### **How can I share my ideas and get involved?**

Dorothea Dix Park will announce opportunities beginning Spring 2020 where dog park users and those interested in future dog parks can engage directly with park staff to provide feedback. Feedback can also be shared at any time by email at [info@dixpark.org](mailto:info@dixpark.org).