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Subject: Minor observation - PLN2023-00238

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Hi - no substantive comments concerning the CDP (looks good to us).

One observation - the staff report itself (including Attachment C) is fine/no concerns. However, the attached picture as currently posted in the park does not conform to Attachment C of the Staff Report. Not seeking immediate action/removal of the signs, but I do see reason to remind and comment (and I believe everyone concerned would agree) that the currently unimproved areas of the park beginning at the east end of Coronado Ave (East Miramar) would need significant attention before a new park trail should be designated in this area - before even considering as a part of the off-leash program - as depicted in the attached picture.

If you could share with me the PLN number and email address of the project planner responsible for the proposed fire road and other planned improvements at the east end of Coronado Ave (East Miramar), I would appreciate this, and thanks.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Support for "NO OFF LEASH DOGS" in the Tot Lot and Playground Area Above
Date: Monday, November 6, 2023 5:24:47 PM
Attachments: [Activities.pdf](#)
[Off-leash.pdf](#)
[Partiers & Groups.pdf](#)

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Planning Commissioners:

We all support off leash dogs in Quarry Park as requested by County Parks.
We're just asking you to support

"NO OFF LEASH DOGS" in the 2 acre tot lot and 2 acre playground extension above the tot lot with signage and ongoing enforcement.

That 4 acre parcel which is at the entrance to Quarry Park must be treated as the special and unique parcel it is and different from all the rest of the 500 to 600 acres in Quarry Park.

It was designed and built especially for children, families and groups to play in, with its tables, benches, BBQs and playground equipment.

It is the only park & playground of its kind on the entire unincorporated midcoast and which everyone has used as such, ever since it opened, 25 years ago.

And since dogs have the use of all the rest of the 500 to 600 acres of QP, we don't think it's asking too much to keep those 4 little acres off limits to off leash dogs and especially not be allowed to use it as a dog park as many people do to this day.

This is a health and safety issue, since dogs will be dogs and not only do they play in the park, they also pee, poop, scratch and dig holes, which is detrimental to a healthy and safe play area for children.

Even a spokesperson for the "dog committee" group, at a previous meeting, agreed there was no problem keeping off leash dogs out of those 4 acres.

So again, as you support off leash dogs in Quarry Park, please, also support "no off leash dogs" in the 4 acre tot lot and playground area above the tot lot with signs and ongoing enforcement.

Please click on pictures attached to view all 22 as proof of all the different activities in the park and others using it as a dog park.

Thank you

Neighbors of Quarry Park

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From: [Joel Farbstein](#)
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Subject: Public Comment re: 11/8/23 Regular Agenda item #2-File PLN2023-00238 SMC Parks Dept (off-leash dog walking)
Date: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 2:12:28 PM

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300 words in support of continuing the SMC Parks Dept's Off-Leash Dog Recreation Program

Have you ever played "Fetch" with a dog?
It's the most basic game for dogs. Pretty hard to do when a dog is on leash, though.

I'm sure you agree with American Heart Association and CDC findings that dog ownership typically causes an increase in their owners' physical activity, which helps improve overall cardiovascular health and lowers blood pressure, cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Dog ownership is associated with a 24% risk reduction for all-cause mortality.

But let's make this local. The first time I visited Montara, before moving here in 1997, a big chocolate lab named Riptide was walking alone down 7th Street near Le Conte. A big German Shepherd named Eze used to be dropped off at the Post Office and then he'd lumber up past my house toward his home.

For all the NIMBYs who claim you shouldn't do this or that because it will change the flavor of the Coast, well, dog ownership **IS** part of the culture of the coast. In walking around the hills, trails, streets and schools here I've found very few dog owners who aren't responsible, and they're more than made up for by the many who are.

Dogs add to the quality of life, and we taxpayers appreciate the ability to walk our dogs responsibly off-leash in **specific areas**. Not everywhere, just limited areas in the parks we pay to support and enjoy.

I urge the Supervisors to support their staff, which has reported the positive results of off-leash dog walking. And I'd urge the Supervisors to listen to the many Coastside residents – not the ones from out-of-the-area who show up at the last minute with their own agendas – and continue the Parks Dept's Off-Leash Dog Recreation Program. In fact, I encourage you to use fact-based research to justify expanding the program.

Respectfully submitted,
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