

May 6, 2008

11. CITY MANAGER

- a. Informational Items
 - 4. Correspondence regarding Dog Park

April 30, 2008

Mr. Mick Denham
Mayor
City of Sanibel

Dear Mick,

Thank you for the opportunity of meeting this morning with myself and Jason LaManna, treasurer Sanibel Dog Club, regarding our desire to establish a Dog Park on Sanibel.

We understand that the agenda is full for the May 6 City Council meeting but that you will determine a date and time in the near future for the Sanibel Dog Club to present its case to the Sanibel City Council.

We also understand that there are major objections to Gulfside Park for the location of the Sanibel Dog Park and, in fact, there are problems with all of the potential sites of City property because all such land is deemed "environmentally sensitive". In addition to the benefit of such a park for dogs and their owners, we believe that a dog park would actually enhance the environmental quality of our land as there would be a policy of waste cleanup enforcement. We also believe that this could be a revenue generator for the City, with increased dog licensure and a fee required for use of the Park.

It is our goal that the City Council approve the establishment of a Dog Park on Sanibel at this meeting and direct the City Manager, Natural Resources, Planning Commission and City Attorney to work with Officers of the Sanibel Dog Club to determine a location which is appropriate, with the understanding that this site would probably require a City-wide Referendum for its final approval. The Sanibel Dog Club would be willing to fund this Referendum, as well as all costs related to the establishment and maintenance of the Park.

Please share this letter with your colleagues on City Council and the City Manager.

Sincerely yours,

Harvey J. Sugerman, M.D.
President
Sanibel Dog Club



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April 28, 2008

Dr. Harvey J. Sugerman
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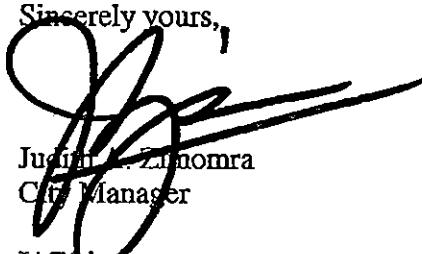
Dear Dr. Sugerman,

In response to your attached correspondence, please find attached the staff memorandum regarding the concept of a Dog Park at Gulfside City Park. In regards to your comment related to meeting with the Director of Natural Resources, please be advised that consistent with Council goal's to minimize costs, the City maintains a small staff. At City Council's clear direction, the Natural Resources staff for the past one and a half years has been devoted to addressing: 1. water releases; 2. algae; and 3. existing responsibilities. If City Council directs staff to refocus the Natural Resources Director from Water Quality issues to developing a Dog Park on Sanibel, staff will do so.

Both the correspondence to and from you will be included in the May 6, 2008 Council agenda. At their last meeting, City Council did request to review your written material prior to scheduling a discussion regarding a Dog Park.

Thank you very much for your correspondence. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (239) 472-3700, if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,


Judith A. Zimomra
City Manager

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Xc: Sanibel City Council
Dr. Robert K. Loflin, Natural Resources Director
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**NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

DATE: March 17, 2008

TO: City Manager Judie Zimomra

FROM: Natural Resources Director Robert K. Loflin Ph.D.

RE: Proposal for Dog Park at Gulfside Park

A group of citizens on the island have proposed a dog park at Gulfside Park at the south end of Algiers Lane. Although there may be an appropriate location on the island where a dog park would have a minimum environmental impact, Gulfside Park is not it. The primary environmental issues associated with dog parks are:

- 1) Despite best intentions, signage and provided refuse bags, dog waste is not all removed by users which results in sanitary issues, including potential threats to human health, and problems with polluted run-off and contaminated ground and surface water during rain events. This problem can be easily observed first hand at any of the existing Lee County dog parks.
- 2) The fencing required to allow for free-roaming dogs to use a park and the dogs' natural predatory instincts precludes any significant use of a dog park by wildlife. Protecting wildlife habitat and promoting co-existence with wildlife is a basic tenet of the Sanibel Plan which would be impossible to meet at such a fenced-in park.
- 3) Activities of the dogs themselves including digging, running through and trampling of vegetation, and prodigious urination on trees and bushes especially by male dogs in the presence of other dogs, results in the loss of virtually all shrubs and all but the most hardy trees at fenced-in dog parks (see County sites).

Gulfside Park as a beach park is immediately adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico and groundwater leaching from the park could be expected to directly enter the Gulf during the rainy season and after rain events. The coastal waters surrounding Sanibel continue to have threats from over-nutritification and bacterial contamination and anything that could serve to contribute to this problem such as a

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Ms. Judith A. Zimomra
City Manager – City of Sanibel
800 Dunlop Road
Sanibel, FL 33957

Dear Ms. Zimomra,

Thank you for the opportunity to allow us to provide the Council information regarding our request for a Dog Park on Sanibel. The following is in response to your letter dated April 16, 2008:

Item #1: Identification of a location for a Dog Park that protects Sanibel Wildlife and Vegetation, provides adequate parking, water service, and is not a nuisance to neighbors.

Although the Club would be open to any Island location, we feel that Gulfside City Park is the best option. The park area (away from the beach) is rarely used, is a good distance from residences, has an easily available water supply, and a large parking area. I live in a neighborhood near the Park and rarely see more than a 6-8 cars in the lot accept on peak vacation weeks, i.e. Winter break and Easter week. Even on those weeks, I have never seen anyone using the park area, only the beach. We believe that a Dog Park could actually increase parking revenues for this lot. With regards to wildlife, the proposed Dog Park would use only about ½ of the park area and whatever animals are there could easily go around the fenced area. There do not seem to be any gopher tortoises or other animals in the park. With regards to vegetation, there are many fire ants and burns in the area which is probably one reason that it is rarely used. Gulfside City Part is not an area of wild vegetation but has planted grass which the City currently mows every other week.

Item #2: A plan to manage feces and urine generated at a Dog Park.

Our members have done substantial research of other dog parks in our area and in other regions of the country. We have also utilized on-line resources that document best-practices for dog park management. We have learned that multiple waste-scoop devices with large covered receptacles not only permit better clean-up but it is environmentally friendly as there is no need for the many small, single-use waste bags. This is consistent with the “Green Team” at the Sanibel School who are trying to reduce our use of plastic bags. Clean-up of feces WILL be a requirement for all users of the park. As for urine control, we have found that mulch ground cover not only captures and dries the urine but can eliminate much of any residual odor. Our Dog Club volunteers will monitor clean-up activities and provide weekly Park maintenance.

Item #3: A plan as to who will be responsible for enforcing Dog Park Rules and Regulations.

The Sanibel Dog Club now has 107 dues-paying members, the majority of which are residents of Sanibel. Our members are willing to provide scheduled volunteer time to monitor the park's use, document any violations and work with City Police to report and enforce not only the rules of the Park but violation of any dog related activity on the Island. One of our main goals for the Park is to provide a place for dogs to run off-leash so that owners do not use the beach or other unsecured public/private areas to do so.

Attached, please find the following documents:

- a) An aerial view of Gulfside City Park with a proposed layout of the Dog Park area. This demonstrates that there would be plenty of space remaining for other park users, is away from the beach and provides a secure double-gated system.
- b) An artist's rendering of the proposed Park (not to scale)
- c) The project plan for development
- d) A budget for development and maintenance
- e) A summary of our recent petition drive demonstrating overwhelming support for the park from both island visitors and homeowners
- f) A recent article from the News-Press which highlights benefits of a community Dog Park.

Finally, since forming the Sanibel Dog Club we have learned that few residents and dog owners are aware of the City's licensing requirement, many dog owners allow dogs off leash in public spaces, including the beach, because there is no other place to do so, and many visitors with dogs are unaware of local ordinances pertaining to their dogs. A Dog Park on Sanibel gives Club members a place to safely allow dogs off leash, educate others on Sanibel's unique environment and provide additional traceable revenues via increased dog licenses and Dog Park user fees, if required for gate security purposes (resident and visitors). These also would allow the City to track park usage.

We thank you and the Council for making room for us on an upcoming Council Meeting Agenda. We are prepared to make a brief PowerPoint presentation and talk about the issues related to a Dog Park on island.

Sincerely,


Dr. Harvey J. Sugerman – President

Jason P. LaManna – Treasurer

Laurie A. LaManna - Secretary

472-4625

Dog Park Petition Summary

The petition drive was done over a four week period from late March to early April. The drive was done via solicitation in retail areas, neighbor-to-neighbor communication and posting of information in local retail establishments. The following is a summary of the results:

Total number of signatures collected:	1,512
Total number of positive/favorable responses:	1,520
Total number of negative/non-favorable responses:	2
Total number/percentage of Sanibel homeowners responding:	902 / 59.66%
Total number/percentage of visitors responding:	610 / 40.34%

Petition notes:

The overwhelming feeling of residents, property owners, businesses and visitors is that a Dog Park would be a positive addition to the Island. Most Island dog owners feel there is little space for their pets to run off-leash. Many visitors were either amazed that we, as a wildlife-centered community, didn't have a dog park or upset that there was nowhere for them to allow their pets to run.

We met very little resistance in our petition drive. The two negative responses seemed to be related to a misunderstanding that the dog park would be on the beach or that it would be an unsafe/unfenced environment.

Sanibel Dog Park

Project Plan

(Dates to be added after City approval)

1. Make initial approach to City Admin and council - Done
2. Establish Sanibel Dog Club to demonstrate interest in dog related issues - Done
3. Solicit interest via City wide petition - Done
4. Identify various potential locations and select a primary Park location - Done
5. Research other Dog Parks and space/needs requirements - Done
6. Develop preliminary build/maintenance budget - Done
7. Develop Pros and Cons list to assist Council in review of issues - Done
8. Make formal presentation to council and provide information packets - Open
9. Receive initial Council approval and work w/City Officials on issues - Open
10. Secure all funds from donors prior to any work being done - Open
11. Plan volunteer work day(s) to prepare site - Open
12. Install fencing, signage, water, waste receptacles etc. - Open
13. Develop volunteer maintenance schedule - Open
14. Announce opening and open park to public - Open

Sanibel Dog Park Budget

Development:

- Installed fencing	\$ 9,000
- Water fountain people/dog	1,500
- Plumbing to park	2,000
- Small concrete pad for fountain	500
- Signage	500
- Dog waste bag dispensers	900
- Sealed waste can	150
- Misc. landscape/mulch etc.	<u>2,500</u>
Estimated Development Cost:	\$17,050

Annual Maintenance: (assumes city continues to mow)

- Weekly Dog Club volunteer clean-up	\$ n/c
- Misc. supplies maint.	500
- Plumbing/fence repairs	<u>200</u>
Estimated Annual Maintenance Costs:	\$ 700

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Dog-friendly parks on rise in SW Florida communities

Several area housing developments incorporating the feature into design

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Clever canine humor and real estate may seem a reach. But consider some park names and events. You have "Barkley Park," "Yappy Hours," "Barkingham Park" and that old stand-by "Dog Beach."

They all relate to pups and pooches and can be an important element for folks looking for a home in Southwest Florida.

"One of the things we found, in doing research for the Bonita Bay Group, is that pets are an integral part of people's lives, and we always had plans for a dog park," says Debbie Holm-Sheely, general manager at Bonita Bay's Sandoval in Cape Coral, which opened Barkley Park about a year and a half ago in the 3-year-old development. "When we talk to people about purchasing at Sandoval, we find they love the idea of the dog park, so it's been a good component for us. We also have sidewalks, so people can walk their dogs."

Sandoval has areas for big and smaller dogs, just as Bonita Bay does at the Veranda. It will be the same at the just-opened Ave Maria.

"I'm not sure when they will be completed, but we'll have two dog tracks out there so we can segregate them by size," says Kelly Lauman, general sales manager at Ave Maria of a general recreation area. "I think that as people move into neighborhoods like Ave Maria, they really like the idea of parks. They have yards, but not the big, fenced-in yards like up north. So, it's a great way for the dogs to get exercise."

While the pets romp, their owners can get to know each other.

"There really is a social component to the dog parks," says Sandoval's Holm-Sheely. "I remember, as kids, parents would take us to the playground and they got to know the other parents. It's the same with the dog parks; people can get to know each other and relax and chit-chat while the dogs run around."

If a community doesn't have a designated dog park, some owners still manage to socialize and let their pets have fun as well.

"Some people have what they call 'yappy hours,' and meet at their community center or at a playground and bring their dogs or do a family dog day on a Saturday," says Ericka Basile, who has published the quarterly Naples Dog Magazine for two years. "On the government level, there's been a realization that people like dog parks and we see more and more of them."

Basile often sells advertising to Realtors who specialize in working with pet owners, "and they will help in finding pet-friendly condos or villas or other places."

Lee County has three designated dog parks and one beach.

"Dog Beach is at Blind Pass, south of Fort Myers Beach and it's been open about seven years," says John Yarbrough, director Lee County Parks and Recreation. "It's actually a sand bar and, at medium or low tide, there's probably about two acres of land. Basically, it's a beach and we don't provide any amenities."

You can take your dogs there and we have a sign of do's and don'ts for people who use the beach."

The newest county-run dog facility is Pooch Park at Judd Park in North Fort Myers. Dogs are also welcome at Barkingham Park, in Buckingham, and at the K-9 Corral at Estero Park. The county Web site - www.lecparks.org - has information on the dog-friendly parks including maps.



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• At the dog park inside of the Sandoval community in Cape Coral, John Hare presses the button on the water fountain for his dog Layla, while his daughter Freya waits.

DOG TIPS

While many dogs like to frolic with other furry beasts, some would just as soon enjoy the great outdoors - albeit in a fenced-in park - as a solo experience.

Here are a few things for dog owners to consider if they go to a dog park, based on information published by the Lee County Parks Department and www.dogs.morefocus.com, which is filled with information on dogs.

• Owners must clean up after their dogs. Lee County provides bags and disposal stations.

• Dogs should have all their shots and be wearing tags.

• "We want sociable dogs that are not aggressive," says Lee County's John Yarbrough. "Dogs should also be spayed and neutered but we don't have Pet Police out there checking."

• Dogs in heat or puppies under 4 months old are prohibited.

• Be honest in assessing your dog's ability to play nice with others of various sizes.

• Never leave your dog unattended.

• Leash your dog when you leave the fenced-in area of a dog park.

Yarborough adds that they don't allow dogs in other parks, "and that is the case even if they are on a leash. We do allow them, if they are leashed, on the Ten Mile Linear Park."

Cape Coral also has a dog park at Rotary Park, 5505 Rose Garden Road, but dog lovers must register their pooches in advance and pay an annual fee: \$10 for residents, \$20 for nonresidents. For more information, go to capecoral.net.

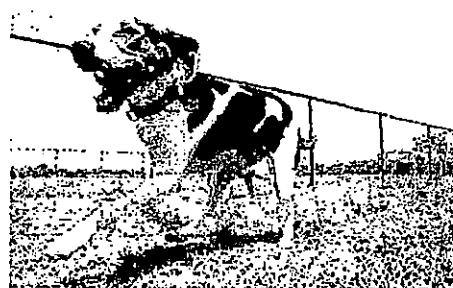
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• Layla, a rescued beagle mix, races down one of the gated sections of the dog park at the Sandoval development in Cape Coral on Monday.

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Scenic Dog Park



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Gulfside City Park w/Overlay of Sanibel Dog Park



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April 16, 2008

Dr. Harvey J. Sugerman
President
Sanibel Dog Club
290 Southwinds Drive
Sanibel, FL 33957

Dear Dr. Sugerman,

On April 15, 2008, Sanibel City Council discussed the Dog Club's request to be scheduled for a presentation at an upcoming City Council meeting. City Council has requested that specific items be received in writing from the Dog Club prior to scheduling a presentation. The specific items City Council is requesting are the following:

- Identification of a location for a Dog Park that protects Sanibel Wildlife and Vegetation, provides adequate parking, water service, and is not a nuisance to neighbors
- A plan to manage the feces and urine generated at a Dog Park
- A plan as to who will be responsible for enforcing Dog Park Rules and Regulations

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding City Council's request, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (239) 472-3700.

Sincerely yours,

Judith A. Zinomra
City Manager

JAZ/cjm

Xc: Sanibel City Council
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Carol J. Reed

From: HSugerman [hsugerman@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 01, 2008 12:09 PM
To: sancouncil
Cc: jasonlaurie@copper.net
Subject: Dog Park

Judy, Mick

It is my understanding that the issue of the Sanibel Dog Park was to be discussed today, April 1, by the Council. However, other pressing issues took precedence. As I will be out of town for the next Council meeting on April 15 and our Secretary, Jason LaManna, will be leaving the Island for the summer on May 10, we would be very appreciative if the discussion of the Dog Park could be placed early on the May 6 agenda.

We plan to distribute information regarding the Sanibel Dog Club's proposal for the Dog Park, including location request, design, funding, etc. to the City and Council members 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Harvey Sugerman, M.D.
President
Sanibel Dog Club

Carol J. Reed

From: Judie A. Zimomra
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2008 9:59 PM
To: 'jasonlaurie@copper.net'
Cc: sancouncil
Subject: RE: May 6th Council Agenda - Sanibel Dog Park

Please see tomorrow's City Council agenda. Your request to be placed on the May 6th agenda will be discussed under City Council Members' reports.

Thank you, Judie Zimomra

From: jasonlaurie@copper.net [mailto:jasonlaurie@copper.net]
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2008 12:23 PM
To: sanadmin; sancouncil
Cc: jason and laurie lamanna; harvey sugerman
Subject: May 6th Council Agenda - Sanibel Dog Park

Dear City Manager and Council Members,
The minutes of the April 1st City Council Meeting reflect our request for time on the May 6th Council Meeting Agenda. Please let us know if we are in fact on the Agenda. We have prepared a packet for each Council Member, the City Manager and City Attorney that includes the following:

- an aerial view of the proposed site with a layout of the Dog Park
- an artists rendering of the Dog Park and how it will integrate with the existing park and surroundings
- a summary of the 1,500+ signatures from owners and visitors who favor a dog park on island
- a budget for development and maintenance with assurance from our 90+ dues-paying Sanibel Dog Club members committing to covering all development and maintenance costs should the City request it.
- a very brief Powerpoint presentation that highlights our efforts, the need and desire for the Park and the environmental and financial benefits.

We will be happy to deliver this packet to you by April 29th in preparation for the discussion.

We look forward to confirmation of our spot on the May 6th Council agenda.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Harvey Sugerman - President - Sanibel Dog Club
Jason LaManna - Treasurer - Sanibel Dog Club
Laurie LaManna - Secretary - Sanibel Dog Club



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October 17, 2007

Dr. Harvey J. Sugerman
President
Sanibel Dog Club
290 Southwinds Drive
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Dear Dr. Sugerman,

Thank you for your attached correspondence of October 8, 2007. Pursuant to City Council's procedures, for an item to be placed on a Council agenda it must be sponsored by a City Council member.

You should be aware that neither the City of Sanibel's Parks and Recreation System Master Plan, the Sanibel Plan, nor the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan, speak to the development of a dog park on Sanibel, nor is development of a dog park on City Council's goals for this upcoming year. A copy of City Council's current goals is attached.

Finally, your letter mentions endorsement by the Parks & Recreation Committee for a dog park. The Parks & Recreation Committee is advisory to City Council. Your letter does not mention after the consideration of the Park & Recreation Committee, on August 15, 2006, City Council made a decision to not pursue the feasibility of a dog park. A copy of the Council minutes is attached.

Again, thank you for your correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Judith A. Zimemra
City Manager

JAZ/cjlr

Xc: Executive Staff
Parks & Recreation Committee

Vice Mayor Denham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman, to direct staff to work with the Fire & Rescue District to rectify problems regarding delineators along the road.

The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Jennings was excused.

Staff report regarding parking alternatives for Clam\Dinkins Bayou
Ms. Zimomra gave background information.

Chief Bill Tomlinson spoke to working with staff to identify parking alternatives and the potential sites were as follows:

- Bowman Beach
- Blind Pass Marina
- End of Henderson Road
- San-Cap Culvert cut
- Silver Key Egress
- Los Colony

Staff recommended Bowman Beach or Blind Pass Marina and the other four sites were not appropriate for various reasons, i.e., safety, not enough room for turnarounds and environmental issues.

Discussion ensued regarding Bowman Beach parking gets people to Clam Bayou, but at low tide a person can't get to the water to kayak and if a dock was fixed this would solve the problem, Blind Pass Marina and the need for authorization for the City to use this for parking, Henderson Road had an area that is very wide and could be used, was there room to put parking on Henderson Road, and Mr. Duffy stated that the right of way was 50' and there were active permits on the north side of the right of way for single family construction. Further concern was the parking would have to be parallel to the right of way and bleed off could occur., and staff met with the owner of Blind Pass Marina and parking was at the marina for a fee, do not want to park on the right-of-way, get an agreement with Blind Pass Marina, staff could discuss with owner and bring back to Council, and Council agreed.

Requests from the Parks and Recreation Committee to authorize staff to do a feasibility study over the next three months of a location for a dog park on City-owned land

Council decided not to authorize staff to do a feasibility study.

Requests by Susie Marks to be appointed to the Vegetation Committee:

Councilman Brown made a motion, seconded by Councilman Rothman to appoint Susie Marks to the Vegetation Committee.

The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Jennings being excused.

Request to repair seawall and apply for grants at Bock Peace Park located at San Carlos Bay Drive

Mr. Castle spoke to the location being at the end of Dixie Beach Blvd. He explained that the seawall had previously been repaired and staff wanted to look at more permanent repairs. He further explained that staff requested and received proposals for three different options; 1)repair seawall and construct return - \$7000; 2) leave seawall and place rip rap - \$29,000; and 3) remove seawall and replace entirely with rip rap \$46,800. He further spoke to requesting TDC funding for maintenance of park.

Discussion ensued regarding if staff was requested TDC funding, and Mr. Castle answered yea.

Council in agreement.

Crystal Mansell

From: Carol J. Reed on behalf of sancouncil
Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 7:13 AM
To: Pamela Smith
Cc: Judie A. Zlmonra; Crystal Mansell
Subject: FW: Dog Park on Sanibel(Council Mail cjr 10/8/07)

From: hsugerman@comcast.net [mailto:hsugerman@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 06, 2007 3:40 PM
To: sancouncil
Subject: Dog Park on Sanibel

To: Sanibel City Council
From: Harvey Sugerman, MD, President, Sanibel Dog Club

re. attached Excel spreadsheet of Dog Club members and letter requesting City Council to place on its November 13 agenda consideration of establishing a Dog Park on Sanibel.

October 8, 2007

Judie Zamomra
City Manager
City of Sanibel

Dear Judie,

I am President of the Sanibel Dog Club which has about 130 individuals who have signed a petition to establish a Dog Park on Sanibel (see attached Excel spreadsheet). The Sanibel Parks and Recreation Committee voted in 2006 to support a Dog Park. There is currently no location on Sanibel where a dog is allowed off a leash. There are many dog owners on the Island who would like a location where their canine friends can romp and play and get the exercise they need.

We would like to place the following request on the agenda for the City Council meeting on November 13 that: "The City of Sanibel support establishment of a dog park and investigate where it should be located."

We believe the Dog Park should be about 70 X 30 yards so that there would be adequate space for dogs to run and play and so that it could be divided into small and large animal areas. There would need to be adequate parking, as well as a water source.

The Sanibel Dog Club would be responsible for erecting a gate system and fence, provide plumbing for fresh water, and maintaining its cleanliness. There should be no cost to the city.

Possible areas to be considered:

Gulfside Park (Environmentally Sensitive Area – only for passive use – previously used for "Taste of the Island" event) – parking, water source available. The grass is mowed biweekly; new trees have been planted; the area is almost never used by either visitors or residents.

City Park, next to the Community Center – currently used for "Taste of the Island" and occasional other events (e.g. outdoor movie) – parking, water source available.

Area behind Schoolhouse Theater – Town Center development area – would require tree removal and relocation of recycle center – parking, water source available.

It is certainly possible that the City may find another area which is better than those listed above. We look forward to a cooperative relationship as this process proceeds.

Sincerely yours,
Harvey J. Sugerman, MD
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**City of Sanibel
City Council Goals
Fiscal Year 2007-2008**
FINAL

As Approved by Council June 5, 2007

AGGRESSIVELY CONTINUE EFFORTS THROUGH EDUCATION, POLITICAL & LEGAL METHODS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY-FEDERAL/STATE/REGIONAL/LOCAL	CONTINUE REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS	PROTECT ENVIRONMENT BY IDENTIFYING CARRYING CAPACITY
<p>Stay intimately involved with all organizations and political forces to minimize Lake Okeechobee releases including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Release Schedule• Water Quality C-43• CERP Projects• Additional Storage• Restore water flow south to Everglades	<p>Plan for the commercial district of Hunlog Road to Palm Ridge Road and Tarpon Bay Road area by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing a vision for the central Commercial District of the Island. The vision will include concepts and philosophies compatible with Sanibel's unique character of the island and include mixed-use, island-compatible architecture, bicycle and pedestrian friendly area, restaurants with outside dining, local serving commercial and retail use enterprises and provision of lower cost workforce housing and serve as the framework for future development proposals.	<p>Protect Environment by Identifying Carrying Capacity by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Determining methods to identify island (beach, road, shared-use path, natural preserve) carrying capacity in order to develop viable methods to enable visitors and residents to enjoy the island while protecting the environment that is the base for our economy.• Completing research cataloging the best practice strategies being implemented globally to protect carrying capacity of facilities and mitigate congestion.• Evaluate the options for enforcement of strategies to mitigate congestion and prepare a strategy of legal options to pursue.
<p>Reduce urban development nutrient releases into Caloosahatchee River by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accelerate establishment TMDL's for Lake Okeechobee, the Rivers, and Estuary• Implement programs to reduce urban nutrient pollution to our waterways including releases on-island such as removing package plants• Investigate strategies to remove excess nutrient releases from golf courses• Fertilizer, Wastewater, Septic Systems, and Stormwater Runoff in collaboration with the six counties of SW Florida• Implement strategies to reduce nutrient releases from Sanibel Sewage Treatment Facility	<p>Develop a redevelopment policy for all non-conforming properties by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing a redevelopment policy for non-conforming properties, both residential and commercial, that will allow the owners to develop and/or become a conforming property.	
<p>Develop an Algae Management Plan by October 1, 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The plan will begin to remove red drift algae from our waters and beaches, preventing regeneration of red drift algae that leaves deposits on beaches prior to such deposits occurring. The Plan will utilize environmentally safe techniques including evaluation of water harvesting to remove accumulations at edge of water and beach.		
<p>Explore methods to secure the necessary funding that will fund the plan to eliminate red drift algae from our waters and beaches.</p>		

March 2009

CITY OF SANIBEL

RESOLUTION 09-023

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE MARCH 3, 2009 MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR THE CITY OF SANIBEL, FLORIDA; ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE MICK DENHAM, KEVIN RUANE AND MARTIN J. HARRITY; ACKNOWLEDGING THE APPROVAL BY THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY REFERENDUM APPROVING THE EXCHANGE OF .6 ACRES OWNED BY THE CITY (BLOCK 14, LOTS 11, 13, 19, 25, BLOCK 13, LOT 6) FOR .6 ACRES OWNED BY SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (BLOCK 17, LOTS 1-4, BLOCK 6, LOT 5) WITH BOTH PROPERTIES LOCATED IN SANIBEL GARDENS SUBDIVISION AND BOTH DESIGNATED ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE SCCF PROPERTY ALONG THE SANIBEL RIVER AND THE CITY PROPERTY ALONG ISLAND INN ROAD; ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE CITY ELECTORATE DID NOT APPROVE THE CITY REFERENDUM FOR THE REMOVAL OF LAND FROM THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR DOG PARK USE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sanibel, Florida:

SECTION 1. The Certificate of City Canvassing Board showing the results of the March 3, 2009 Municipal Election for the City of Sanibel, a true copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A", is hereby acknowledged, and by this Resolution is recorded in the official journal of Council proceedings.

SECTION 2. The persons elected as members of City Council of the City of Sanibel are as follows:

Mick Denham
Kevin Ruane
Martin J. Harrity

SECTION 3. The City Referendum entitled "Exchange of Land Ownership Within the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Conservation District" was approved by the electorate.

SECTION 4. The City Referendum entitled "Removal of Land From the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Conservation District for Dog Park Use" was not approved by the electorate.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the Council of the City of Sanibel,
Florida, this 17th day of March, 2009.

AUTHENTICATION:

, Mayor

Pamela Smith, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Kenneth B. Cuyler 3/10/09
Kenneth B. Cuyler, City Attorney Date

Vote of Council Members:

Date filed with City Clerk: _____

OFFICIAL
CERTIFICATE OF CITY CANVASSING BOARD

STATE OF FLORIDA

Lee County, City of Sanibel

We, the undersigned, Pamela Smith, City Clerk, Jim Jennings, City Councilman and Sharon L. Harrington, Supervisor of Elections, constituting the Board of City Canvassers in and for said City, do hereby certify that we met on the 5th day of March, A.D., 2009, and proceeded publicly to canvass the votes given at the Municipal Election held on the 3rd day of March A.D., 2009, as shown by the returns on file in the office of the Supervisor of Elections. We do hereby certify from said returns as follows:

For Council Seats the total number of votes cast was 8188 of which:

David BATH received 1,052 votes
David BERGER received 1,267 votes
Mick DENHAM received 2,264 votes
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Kevin RUANE received 1,1919 votes

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

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Shall the above-described be approved?

YES, for approval received 1,996 votes
NO, for rejection received 896 votes

EXHIBIT "A"

**REMOVAL OF LAND FROM THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS
CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR DOG PARK USE**

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Shall the above-described be approved?

YES, for approval received 1,406 votes

NO, for rejection received 1,527 votes

Sworn and signed this 5th day of March, 2009

Donna Driscoll
City Clerk

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