

**A SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE AS AMENDED  
BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/HUMAN  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

02-O-0389

**AMENDING SECTION 110.70.1. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, DOGS PERMITTED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF GRANT PARK, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A NEW CODE SECTION 110.70.2. ENTITLED, DOGS PERMITTED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF PEIDMONT PARK; TO FURTHER ESTABLISH AN OFF-LEASH PET AREA FOR DOGS WITHIN A SPECIFIED LOCATION OF PIEDMONT PARK AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS; TO ACCEPT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TOTALING \$106,100.00 TO THE DESIGNATED OFF-LEASH PET AREA FROM THE PIEDMONT PARK CONSERVANCY, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

Whereas, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs has an ongoing joint use arrangement of certain facilities in Piedmont Park with the Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc.; and

Whereas, the Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc. in recent years has made substantial financial improvements to Piedmont Park and has improved the beautification of the entire Piedmont Park and work in collaboration with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs to effectuate these efforts on behalf of the citizens of the City Atlanta and elsewhere that utilize Piedmont Park; and

Whereas, the Piedmont Park Conservancy Inc., desires to have an off-leash area for dogs within Piedmont Park and have agreed to handle all costs associated with the development of this Off-leash Pet Area, which includes construction of two and one half (2-1/2) acres of unimproved parkland, maintenance and supervision of this area, at no cost to the City; and

Whereas, the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia prohibits walking dogs in any City Park without a leash; and

Whereas, the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs agrees with the concept of having a designated Off-leash Pet Area, and has confirmed with other Municipalities throughout the Country that this is an effective measure and will not cost the City any extra expenditures to accomplish this endeavor; and

Whereas, Neighborhood Planning Units E and F have unanimously approved this concept of Off-leash Pet Area; and

Whereas, this recommended change effecting the existing Codified Leash Law requires the Code of Ordinances to be amended.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:**

**Section 1:** That Section 110. 70. 1. (Dogs permitted in certain areas of Grant Park) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia be and is hereby amended by establishing a new Section 110.70.2. Dogs permitted in certain areas of Piedmont Park for the purpose of establishing, **as a pilot project for twelve (12) months**, an Off-leash Pet Area for dogs in Piedmont Park on behalf of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

**Section 2:** That the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs shall at his discretion allow for an Off-leash Pet Area for dogs, **as a pilot project for twelve (12) months**, to be developed by the Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc., on two and one half (2-1/2) acres of unimproved parkland within Piedmont Park, which shall be identified by appropriate signage and fencing at no cost to the City.

**Section 3:** That the City of Atlanta, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs shall accept the contribution of certain improvements totaling \$106,100.00 for landscaping, fencing, irrigation, benches, Signage, doggie bags/dispensers, water line and water fountain and will accept support maintenance for **all associated costs**, and supervision of the Off-leash Pet Area for dogs on two and one half (2 1/2) acres of unimproved parkland in Piedmont Park, from the Piedmont Park Conservancy, Inc. so as to assist the Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs with the increasing number of citizens using the park who bring their dogs to Piedmont Park; to enable the dogs to run free within a designated area with adequate signage and fencing.

**Section 4:** *All users of the leash-free area assume any risk and liability associated with such an area and notice to such effect shall be incorporated into the signage which will be posted on the property.*

**Section 5:** *The report entitled "Preliminary Recommendations Regarding Dogs in Piedmont Park" dated May 13, 1999 prepared by the Canine Sub-Committee of the Community Committee of the Piedmont Park Conservancy, shall be attached to the ordinance for information purposes.*

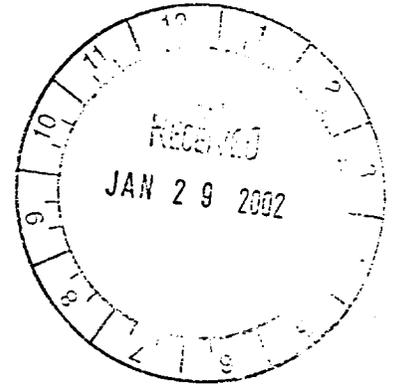
**Section 6:** **That all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.**

A true copy,

*Rhonda Daughin Johnson*  
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED as amended by the Council  
APPROVED by the Mayor

APR 01, 2002  
APR 05, 2002



January 25, 2002

Mr. Karl L. McCray  
Commissioner, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs  
City Hall East, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
675 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Karl:

As a follow-up to our conversation of January 23, I am writing to request that the Parks Department sponsor legislation to permit an off-leash area for dogs in Piedmont Park. As we discussed, many residents of Atlanta bring their dogs to the park and allow them to run free in the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Meadow area. Although it is illegal to have dogs off leash in a public space, the leash law has not generally been enforced. Due to the increasing number of citizens using the park, many of them young children, we feel that we must begin to enforce this rule. We would however like to offer an alternative, and stipulate that approximately 2 1/2 acres of unimproved parkland north of the Park Drive Bridge be a fenced in, off leash area for dogs. This area has natural boundaries and some fencing that has already been installed by the railroad and Public Works. The Conservancy would work with local dog owners and pet-related businesses to fund the additional improvements needed. The Conservancy would also supervise the maintenance of the area. We have researched the operation of off leash areas around the country and would put into place the rules and regulations necessary for the safe and clean operation of the area.

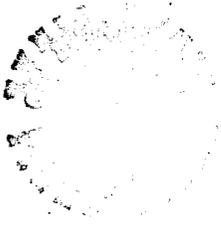
NPU's E and F have voted to support this initiative and I appreciate your support to carry it forward to council.

The wording would simply state that the council approves establishing a designated off leash area for dogs in Piedmont Park, the area to be agreed upon by the Conservancy and the Parks Department. In all other parts of the park, dogs must remain on leash and the leash law will be enforced.

We would like to have this area open for use by the middle of March when we close off the meadow for restoration. Please let me know if you require further information or assistance.

Sincerely,

  
Debbie McCown  
Executive Director



## Off Leash Recreation Area

### Why do we need an "Off Leash Recreation Area" for dogs?

- The number of dogs and dog owners regularly using Piedmont Park has increased dramatically with the growth of Atlanta and the Midtown residential market in particular. This trend is expected to continue. The number of residential units in Midtown has increased by 250% over the past five years, and 4,902 more residential units are under construction or planned (source: Midtown Alliance);
- The increased number of dogs mixed with other park users has created serious safety concerns throughout Piedmont Park and is discouraging other users, especially senior citizens and children;
- The renovation of Piedmont Park that is under way requires large sections of the park to be out of use during construction, intensifying the use of the park in the remaining areas;
- This intensified use is a particular threat to the recent multimillion dollar renovation of Oak Hill. The "Meadow" along 10<sup>th</sup> St. at Monroe where dog owners tend to congregate is about to be fenced off for one year starting in March, 2002;
- An increasing number of dog owners are requesting an off-leash recreation area, and are volunteering to help create and manage the project through the Piedmont Park Conservancy;
- The knowledge needed to establish and effectively manage off-leash areas has been developed over the past few years. Piedmont Park will incorporate the best components from established, successful off-leash areas throughout the U.S.

### Development of the Off Leash Recreation Area (OLRA)

A committee has been formed through the Piedmont Park Conservancy to:

- Research and identify successful OLRA's around the country as model.
- Plan and design the site
- Create a budget
- Get information out to neighborhood
- Establish rules and regulations for handlers and dogs
- Raise all funds needed for the project. The committee has received positive feedback from the community regarding financial support, and has raised a significant percentage of the initial cost without active solicitation.

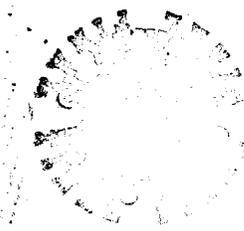
**The Canine Sub-Committee  
of the  
Community Committee of the  
Piedmont Park Conservancy**

**Preliminary Recommendations  
Regarding Dogs in Piedmont Park**

**13 May 1999**

**Committee Members:**

**Jinger Simkins-Stuntz, Chair  
Brooks Garcia  
David Garner  
Ron Welcome**



## Preliminary Recommendations Regarding Dogs in Piedmont Park

The Canine Sub-Committee was formed during the October meeting of the Community Committee of the Piedmont Park Conservancy at the request of the committee's chair, Mark Bernstein. Jinger Simkins-Stuntz of the Midtown Parents' Group (of MNA) was appointed chair. Other committee members include Brooks Garcia, Landscape Architect and Garden Designer, David Garner, dog owner and member of SCOOP, and Ron Welcome, Piedmont Park Conservancy.

We have met, as a committee, 12 times since November 1998, and have discussed issues and research on an individual basis numerous times during the past 6 1/2 months.

### Mission Statement

To develop a recommendation for presentation to the Piedmont Park Conservancy regarding dogs within the boundaries of Piedmont Park. This recommendation will contribute to the safety and enjoyment of Piedmont Park for all visitors and foster education and awareness of related issues. We will solicit input from, and work to build consensus with affected communities.

### Forward

This recommendation was developed in response to the growing concerns from various constituencies about dogs within the boundaries of the park. While the members who developed this proposal originally met with differing perspectives on the issues we have found considerable consensus and common ground through open dialogue, careful consideration of each other's concerns along with research into the approaches other urban parks have taken, as well as studies regarding dog bites and prevention (many of the studies can be found on the CDC's website at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/duip/dogbites.htm> ).

During the course of our work we believed it both desirable and necessary to gather input from as many of the affected groups as possible. To this end we solicited ideas and concerns through the CC of the PPC and through direct contact with some community groups and city offices not directly represented on the community committee. While response to our initial requests has been limited to a few groups we hope to receive greater response to this preliminary recommendation. After which we can work to further enhance and refine the recommendation to best meet the needs of all park visitors and the unique qualities of Piedmont Park.

### Outline of Dog Related Concerns:

- 1) Off-leash problems to other visitors, including pedestrian hazards, nuisance to those not wanting direct contact with dogs, and dog attack hazards, especially to children.
- 2) Need for dogs to run freely and socialize for optimum physical and mental health and minimal behavioral problems, along with dog owner desire for a legal leash-free area to play and socialize.
- 3) Growing dog-pedestrian congestion, especially along pathways where dogs on leashes dart across paths of bladers, cyclist, joggers, strollers, etc.. With the residential growth and current addition of several large apartment complexes near the park we believe this problem will continue to intensify if not proactively addressed.
- 4) Health and nuisance hazards of poop.
- 5) Desire for more effective and friendly means of encouraging poop removal.
- 6) Need for play areas in Saturn and Naguchi to be protected from roaming dogs on and off leashes and from poop problems.
- 7) Need for dog amenities such as water and shade in dog populated areas and away from foot traffic.
- 8) Need for better and more strategically located signage and info/education regarding responsibilities of dog control, leash laws and poop removal.
- 9) Need for public education of dog related issues in the park.

### Preliminary Recommendations:

We believe the following 3 part recommendation will provide the most positive solution to all major concerns, and greatly benefit park users by enhancing the peaceful co-existence of dogs, their owners and other constituencies within the park. The one issue which is most difficult to solve is the increasing dog-pedestrian congestion along pathways. These recommendations may help with this to some degree by encouraging a more centralized extensive dog exercise area, but the degree of positive impact is difficult (if impossible) to project. (although not the committee's formal recommendation due to insufficient time for thorough research into the issue, the park may want to research and consider enforcement of gross violations to the 6 foot leash law along and near pathways, along with park rules and posted guidelines informing users of the existing 6' law and its application to pedestrian pathways. Relaxation of the 6' law in less populated open areas may be appropriate).

## Outline of 3 Part Recommendation:

(Please note that the recommendations are discussed in detail following the outline).

### PART I:

- A) Identify an appropriate (criteria are discussed later) , secure site and establish a contained, legal leash-free area suitable for a minimum of 75 dogs, which is safe for all passers-by and other park users.
- B) Fully enforce leash, poop and dangerous animal laws throughout the park.
- C) Inform and educate visitors regarding responsibilities, health, safety and bite prevention issues related to dogs.

### PART II:

Secure children's play areas in Saturn and Naguchi with attractive see-through fencing or other dog-impenetrable barriers (Naguchi play area may involve re-negotiation with the artist to ensure artistic integrity of design and artist's contractual rights over disposition and alteration of space).

### PART III:

Address poop problems through better education/signage and through the use of poop disposal units and permanent lidded trash receptacles throughout the park.

## Explanation and Discussion:

### PART I : Leash-free Area:

Piedmont Park and Atlanta are in a unique situation among urban areas; we can proactively and thoughtfully address the issues cited previously before major problems become so large that reactive measures exclude any one constituency from having an opportunity for full participation in creating amenable solutions and consensus. Additionally, we are able to learn from, build upon and appropriately modify the approaches which other major urban areas have implemented (NYC, Los Angeles, Chicago, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Baltimore and Boston are some of the urban areas which have established leash-free areas within public parks). Certainly, the issues facing us are not going to be resolved or fade without taking assertive steps to initiate solutions.

In the US approximately 36.5 % of households own a dog, with an estimated 53 million dogs. In 1997 Fulton County licensed 40,000 dogs, 51 % within the city of Atlanta. With the rapidly expanding intown population, many of whom live in apartments, condos and homes with small or non-existent yards there will continue to be a growing need for people of all ages to use Piedmont Park. We firmly believe the general intown population growth will bring with it a growth in dog and children populations. Both groups physically, emotionally and socially requiring levels of activity and freedom of play only available in open spaces within the park. Yet, study data as well as the concerns of both adult constituencies involved recognize the incompatibility of meeting these needs within the same location.

Creating a separate leash-free area with the following criteria, along with protected playground areas and full leash law enforcement will aid in positively meeting both these needs while maximizing safety and park enjoyment to children and others. Study data also supports the socialization of dogs which the leash-free area provides in that well socialized and exercised dogs are implicated in significantly fewer dog attacks (It should be noted that while studies and the CDC show dogbites as a major public health problem, of epidemic proportions, especially to children under 12, that the vast majority of dogs-about 51 million-never bite, and are important loving companions for people. Identification of dog attack risk factors and prevention measures are key to reducing the number of serious injuries and fatalities. A summary of dogbite and dogbite fatality studies is available from the committee or through the CDC web site). Socialization of dogs is also cited in dog bite literature as one measure of preventative action.

While studies have not been done in relation to dogbites in or around bounded or fenced leash-free areas in public parks, the information which has been collected by the committee suggests there have been no significant incidences and no known city or park liability claims resulting from a sanctioned leash-free area with adequate fencing or other boundaries. However, further investigation of this point should be made prior to implementation of the leash-free area.

Potential problems or considerations to be studied beforehand include:

- \*exception to city leash law codes for leash-free area only
- \*regulation/enforcement of leash-free area rules
- \*multi-use flexibilities of space if site dictates
- \*management/oversight of area
- \*environmental management and care of site
- \*ground cover wear problems associated with overuse, non-management of dog digging behaviors, excess nitrogen compounds left from excessive dog urine (also, a by-product of overuse or inadequate size for demand), and poorly chosen and maintained grass (long rooted grasses and fertilizers which encourage deeper root systems appear to help).

- \*tick and flea control (certain ground covers and surfaces encourage more problems, while others can minimize it; regular application of lime has been shown to help).
- \*odor problems which may arise from inadequate removal of feces in overused areas (most leash-free areas have had strong records of responsible owner removal of waste, and odor has not been a problem. The strong commitment of SCOOP and Central Bark (the two organized dog owner groups lobbying for a leash-free area) to this issue suggest that poop compliance should not be a significant problem within the dog area). A product called Odormute, which is environmentally friendly and harmless to animals and humans has been shown to be effective in parks with an odor problem.
- \*costs involved in implementation and management of area.

## **Absolute Requirements of Leash-free Area:**

- 1) Area boundaries must ensure safety to all passers-by and other park users, and be aesthetically congruent with park design and beauty.  
This may be attained through any number or combination of means such as aesthetically pleasing fencing, impenetrable hedges (hedges with hidden fencing), natural boundaries which can't be crossed, sculptural boundaries and/or a location not adjacent to a regularly used major path or activity area (ie- area which other visitors can easily avoid if desired, and which will contain dogs). The park may wish to utilize the significant design potential of advanced landscape and urban design students at local universities and art schools by sponsoring a semester's project in co-operation with a professor(s). This will be an excellent way to encourage greater community involvement and low cost, high quality design and problem solving, as well as an excellent learning project.
- 2) Area should be easily, safely and wheel chair accessible to dog owners.
- 3) Should have well designed, attractive and very visible signage regarding location and proximity of leash-free area, to inform both dog owners and other visitors. These signs should be placed near off-leash area as well as other strategic points throughout the park.
- 4) Should have signage in off-leash area regarding responsibilities of dog owners, including the following suggested rules:
  - a) No sick dogs may enter area.
  - b) All dogs must be registered with the county, and have current vaccinations before they may enter the area.
  - c) No dog, leashed or unleashed, may bite, threaten or injure a person or another dog. Dogs exhibiting any aggressive behavior will not be tolerated and must be immediately leashed and removed.

- d) All dogs must be under voice control and in sight of a responsible adult custodian.
- e) No dogs in heat.
- f) Holes dug by dogs must be filled by responsible custodian or designate.
- g) All poop must be removed in a responsible manner and discarded into an appropriate receptacle.
- h) All users of the leash-free area assume any risk and liability associated with such an area.
- i) Users must not allow dogs to escape at entrance area.
- 5) Area must be large enough to accommodate 75+ dogs to prevent overuse and damage to natural environment, as well as behavioral problems sometimes noted at overcrowded sites.
- 6) Some flat land within area for play.
- 7) Sanitary water for dogs and owners.
- 8) Appropriate surface for water areas.
- 9) Adequate shade, preferably trees, to get away from summer heat.
- 10) Adequate lighting for safety in evenings, especially in winter.
- 11) Owner friendly lidded poop disposal receptacles.
- 12) Double gated entrance or other entrance design which will contain errant dogs.
- 13) Non leash-free areas should have leash laws fully enforced. Park Ambassadors should have friendly leaflets regarding dogs and the availability of the leash-free area ready to give to owners not complying with dog rules or leash laws.
- 14) Preferably, area should not be a multi-use area. If it is necessary to use a multi-use area it should be designed and bounded in such a way that multi-use flexibility is compatible with all activity usage. In considering a multi-use area it may be appropriate to use the area as leash-free on a time/day rotation basis.

## Highly Desirable Amenities:

- 1) Poop disposal bags (as well as throughout the park).
- 2) Benches for owners and observers.
- 3) Small covered info/bulletin board for educational materials, info and exchange of community ideas, etc.
- 4) Location away from car traffic, yet accessible to nearby parking.
- 5) Location, ideally, should be easily accessible to other sociable activity areas of the park so as to encourage greater usage and enhance community interaction and responsibility.
- 6) Location should be a pleasant place to visit to further encourage greater usage and enjoyment.

## Areas Considered:

All areas considered have distinct advantages and disadvantages for both dog owners and other visitors. We, as yet, have not been able to determine an area which is reasonably well suited to all criteria. At our request SCOOP is examining the four strongest possibilities, along with any others which they may determine.

**Areas considered continued:**

- 1) Currently the Meadow is the space used by many dog owners as an unsanctioned leash-free area. While this space has many natural features which make it suitable for this use it is a multi-use area near a main pedestrian artery, and its multi-use probably will remain so in the foreseeable future. If the area is used there are a number of unique and sometimes difficult design problems to overcome. We believe most, if not all, of these can be overcome through innovative approaches. The current multi-use designation will present the most challenges, and may, in the end analysis, disqualify it as suitable.
- 2) Area between the 14th Street entrance and the driving club. This area is not a strong natural candidate because of its small scale, lack of other natural amenities and proximity to major pedestrian traffic.
- 3) Area on hillside west of the Conservancy building. While it offers no flat ground it does meet the criteria in most other ways, but pleasing and well integrated boundaries may be more problematic on the southeast side. An added benefit may be to reduce already present illegal activities by creating a more positive and visible activity in the area.
- 4) Area north of the Park Drive bridge entrance. The primary problem with this area is its inaccessibility, lack of positive visitor traffic (for safety) and its segregated nature from the rest of the park. Currently there is a significant tick and flea problem because of its lack of upkeep. However, this area may become more viable as the paths and park activities move into this area in the future.

**PART II: Playgrounds:**

As mentioned earlier children are a growing constituency intown, and many children, especially those in adjacent midtown, do not have adequate personal spaces for active play and exercise. Additionally, young children are at greatest risk of dogbites and serious disfiguring dogbite injury to the face, head and neck. Dogbites to children account for 1.5 million out of 4.5 million dogbites per year in the US. While approximately 71-79 % of dogbite fatalities to children occur on the dog owner's property approximately 50 % of non-fatal dogbites occur off the owner's property, "on the sidewalk, street, alley or playground," (the latter from "Which Dogs Bite? A Case Study of Risk Factors" by K.Gersham, et al; Pediatrics Vol.93 NO.6 June 1994).

Again, most dogs are peaceful loving companions- especially those well socialized, but identification of dog attack risk factors and prevention measures are key to reducing the number of serious injuries and fatalities. Protective see-through (for visibility and safety from criminal activity) fencing or barriers are a reasonable and prudent preventive measure for playgrounds inhabited by toddlers, pre-schoolers and children under 9 who

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- use of inexpensive poop bags (used in many public parks, including Decatur). These bags are available from Doggie Walk Bags of Balboa Island, CA and DOGIPOT of Orlando, FL.
- 3) Permanent locations of lidded trash receptacles throughout the park. Currently, the barrels are hard to find and get removed to other parts of the park for various activities. Additional moveable barrels could still be used where flexibility is needed.
  - 4) Park Ambassador enforcement through friendly reminders and appropriate leaflets or info.
  - 5) Police enforcement if the above measures do not adequately work or for known offenders who repeatedly refuse to comply.

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**Neighborhood Planning Unit - E**  
*"Serving Atlanta's Midtown Neighbourhoods"*

**VIA FACSIMILE**

404-817-6928

January 3, 2002

Mr. Karl McCray  
Acting Commissioner,  
Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs  
675 Ponce de Leon Ave, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30308

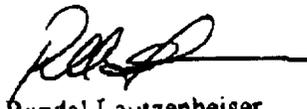
Dear Commissioner McCray:

I am writing to you concerning an action taken at the most recent regularly scheduled meeting of Neighborhood Planning Unit - E on January 2, 2002. Several members of the Piedmont Park Conservancy attended the meeting and gave us a presentation on the proposed "off leash" area for dogs. The NPU took a vote and agreed unanimously that this is a wonderful concept and one that is long overdue in Piedmont Park.

We urge you to support an "off leash" area in Piedmont Park and ask you to help the City Council draft the necessary legislation to permit an off leash area in Piedmont Park.

Please feel free to call me at 404-874-6296 if you have any questions or comments

Sincerely,



Randal Lautzenheiser  
Chairman, NPU-E

cc: Debbie McCown

NPU Approval, Dog Off-Leash Area

**Subject: NPU Approval, Dog Off-Leash Area**

**Date: Mon, 4 Feb 2002 17:25:42 -0500**

**From: "Arnold Gross" <aaron-jo@mindspring.com>**

**To: "Debbie McCown" <dmccown@mindspring.com>**

Attn: Mr. Karl L. McCray, Acting Commissioner  
City of Atlanta  
Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

February 4, 2002

Dear Mr. McCray;

At the January 21, 2002 meeting of this NPU, the Piedmont Park Conservancy laid out the plans for an Off-Leash Dog Area for Piedmont Park. This NPU would like to go on record as being in unanimous support of this plan. We hope that by supporting this plan, we will soon see an area where people and their dogs can enjoy each others company in a safe, healthy manner.

And, when the budget allows, we hope to see the city do the same in other large, city-owned green spaces.

Aaron Gross, Chairman  
Neighborhood Planning Unit "F"  
1076 Rosedale Dr NE  
Atlanta GA 30306

safely enjoy each others company without jeopardizing



Morningside/Lenox Park Association  
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January 21, 2002

Mr. Karl McCray  
Acting Commissioner  
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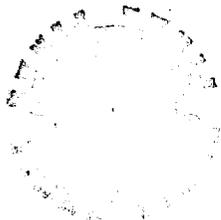
This letter is to show support for the planned off leash area in Piedmont Park. Ms. McCown presented the plans to Morningside Lenox Park Association's monthly meeting on January 14, 2002. As usual, the plans seem well thought out and conducive to improving the overall quality of Piedmont Park. MLPA Board voted to support the plans for the off leash area for dogs.

We look forward to continued improvements in our city's greatest park, Piedmont.

Sincerely,

Dianne Olansky  
MLPA President  
P.O. Box 8156  
Atlanta, Ga. 31106

cc:Debbie McCown



**PIEDMONT PARK**  
**PROPOSED OFF LEASH-AREA**

**PROJECTED COSTS**

• 4 FOOT BLACK VINYL COATED	\$6000
• WATER FOUNTAIN	\$5500
• WATER FOUNTAIN INSTALLATION	\$2000.
• LANDSCAPE	\$25,000
• BENCHES	\$25,500
• IRRIGATION	\$35,000
• WATER LINE	\$5000
• SIGNAGE	\$1000
• DOGGIE BAGS / DISPENSER *	\$1100

**TOTAL \$106,100**

**\*POSSIBLE ANNUAL COST OF \$10,000+  
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Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	B Woolard

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ORDINANCE BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/  
HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AMENDING SECTION 110.70.1. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, DOGS PERMITTED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF GRANT PARK, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A NEW CODE SECTION 110.70.2. ENTITLED, DOGS PERMITTED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF PIEDMONT PARK; TO FURTHER ESTABLISH AN OFF-LEASH PET AREA FOR DOGS WITHIN A SPECIFIED LOCATION OF PIEDMONT PARK AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS; TO ACCEPT CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TOTALING \$106,100.00 TO THE DESIGNATED OFF-LEASH PET AREA FROM THE PIEDMONT PARK CONSERVANCY, INC., ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

SUBSTITUTE AS AMENDED

ADOPTED BY

- CONSENT REFER
- REGULAR REPORT REFER
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT PROTEM

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