

Memorandum

Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2001
To: Debra McLennan Fax: 604-278-5139
City of Richmond
From: Sally Chow
Friends of Garry Point
Subject: Parks and Recreation Committee meeting agenda for Nov 27, 2001

Hi Debra- my apologies for not checking the spelling of your name when I spoke with you- hope I haven't gone too far astray.

This is my formal request to be added to the agenda of the next Parks and Rec Committee meeting for Tuesday, November 27, 2001.

I am the spokesperson for a fledgling group called The Friends of Garry Point. Although I am not a dog owner, I am deeply concerned by the conflicts and tempers that seem to be flaring around the issue of dogs and off-leash access at Garry Point.

My approach is one of conciliation; trying to find a creative solution that may work for all stakeholders.

Here is a brief outline of what I expect to present:

- A quick overview of the existing tensions and problems
- A request to try a pilot project enabling dogs to be exercised leash-free at Garry Point during the generally fairly miserable weather in December, January and February
- A request to reinstate the Companion Animal Task Force- perhaps striking a subcommittee focused on finding peaceful solutions to an issue that doesn't seem to go away

Both Mike Redpath and Dave Semple have been involved in preliminary discussions regarding this proposal.

Thank you for considering my request. As winter is almost upon us, I am hopeful that my request to be added to the agenda will be approved. Otherwise, we may miss a golden opportunity to try something that will buy some time to relieve a volatile situation.

My presentation will not exceed 8-10 minutes and will require access to a PC/projector with Powerpoint. Many thanks. I can be reached at 604-241-9889.