

Mt. Tabor Park Off-Leash Area  
Good Neighbor Agreement  
Comment Sheet

The purpose of the Good Neighbor Agreement is to establish a collaborative and constructive relationship among all stakeholders in order to improve and sustain the Mt. Tabor Park Off-Leash Area. The intent behind each of the major elements in the agreement is described below. The Off-Leash Area and this agreement will be reviewed and evaluated after the one-year pilot period has passed. Please let us know your thoughts.

Boundaries

1. The eastern boundary is moved 100' westward to provide a larger buffer between the off-leash area and the immediate neighbors and a greater separation between the OLA and the playground.

- o I support this change
- o I do not support this change

Please explain:

- o I think this recommendation would be acceptable if:

2. The western boundary is expanded approximately 175' to include a more open meadow area and portion of the cement pad adjacent to the PP&R nursery. This is intended to provide users with the option of a flatter and more open area for dogs to play. The boundary line stays within the treeline; it does not extend into the nursery area.

- o I support this change
- o I do not support this change

Please explain:

- o I think this recommendation would be acceptable if:

Fencing

3. Temporary field fencing will be added along the east and west boundaries. Fencing will also be added along the southern boundary where major repairs are needed. A short section of fencing will be added along Harrison Street on the northwest side of the OLA to help make that entrance to the area safer. The intent is to better define the OLA and to discourage off-leash dogs from going beyond the OLA boundaries.

- o I support this change
  - o I do not support this change  
Please explain:
  
  - o I think this recommendation would be acceptable if:

#### Gates

4. Pedestrian gates will be added at five locations. Vehicular gates for Parks maintenance vehicles will be added at the east and west ends. The intent is to formalize entrances to the off-leash area for off-leash users and others, and to discourage dogs from leaving the off-leash area.

- o I support this change
  - o I do not support this change  
Please explain:
  
  - o I think this recommendation would be acceptable if:

#### Trails

5. The west end trail will be modified to ensure that the entire loop is within the off-leash area. The intent is to continue to provide the same loop trail experience for users without taking the trail outside the tree line.

- o I support this change
  - o I do not support this change  
Please explain:
  
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6. A new entrance trail on the east side is intended as a more direct route from the Harrison Street Parking area into the off-leash area. Directing users away from the playground area is intended to increase safety and reduce user conflicts.

- o I support this change
  - o I do not support this change  
Please explain:
  
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7. The current informal trail leading down into the OLA south of Reservoir One is not improved for general use at this time. PP&R has agreed to develop an improved entrance at this location within the next six months. This improvement is intended to provide a safe access to the off-leash area from a more central location, encouraging people to park up in the park and better disperse off leash activity within the designated area.

- o I support this change
  - o I do not support this change  
Please explain:

- o I think this recommendation would be acceptable if:

#### Amenities & Signs

8. Site amenities will include water, movable benches, and site signs with rules, hours, and message-posting space.

- o I support this change
  - o I do not support this change  
Please explain:

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9. Current large signs at park entrances will be removed and smaller directional signs will be placed at key locations throughout the park to help users find the off-leash area and to remind them to keep pets leashed outside the OLA. Signs will be placed at the east side park entrances from the neighborhood to remind people that they are entering a children's play area and to keep their pets leashed until reaching the OLA.

- o I support this change
  - o I do not support this change  
Please explain:

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#### Management

10. Out of consideration for nearby neighbors, hours for the Off-Leash Area have been set at 7am - 9pm. This is intended to reduce impacts on immediate neighbors from early morning and late evening noise resulting from people gathering, playing with and calling their dogs.

- o I support this change
  - o I do not support this change

Please explain:

- o I think this recommendation would be acceptable if:

11. The Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association is responsible for forming a volunteer Off Leash Area Stewardship Group to assist with education, community building, and maintenance/stewardship of the off-leash area. This is intended to provide a mechanism for off-leash users to help manage the program.

- o I support this change
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Please explain:

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12. Portland Parks & Recreation will continue to provide enforcement of dog-related laws and OLA rules throughout the park as resources allow. Park Rangers will work collaboratively with the Association and Stewardship Group to increase compliance and enhance educational efforts.

- o I support this change
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Please explain:

- o I think this recommendation would be acceptable if:

Environmental: Wildlife

13. In the Mt. Tabor Master Plan, the OLA area was ranked low for habitat values when compared with other areas of the park. It is recognized that increased use, especially off-trail use, has had a negative impact on wildlife in the park overall. The intent locating the OLA in this area is to provide a legitimate place for off-leash use - thus protecting other higher-value wildlife areas in Mt. Tabor Park.

- o I support this idea
- o I do not support this idea  
Please explain:

- o I think this would be acceptable if:

#### Environmental: Site Condition

14. A certain amount of wear and tear is to be expected in an off-leash area - especially in open areas. PP&R will work with the Stewardship Group to add other surfacing materials where appropriate, fence areas for restoration purposes, and begin replacing invasive species with native plants. The intent is to take care of and restore the OLA area over time.

- o I support this change
  - o I do not support this change  
Please explain:

- o I think this recommendation would be acceptable if:

#### Other Users

15. Other users are welcome in the OLA, but should expect to encounter off-leash dogs between 7am and 9pm. Bicyclists are asked to walk their bikes through the area.

- o I support this change
  - o I do not support this change  
Please explain:

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16. The OLA may be closed from time to time to permit a special event, such as a cross country meet, to come through the area. Notification will be sent to the neighborhood and posted at the site.

- o I support this
  - o I do not support this  
Please explain:

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#### Evaluation

17. Evaluation of the changes to the Mt. Tabor Off-Leash Area and the elements of the Good Neighbor Agreement will be coordinated by an Evaluation Subgroup of the GNA Committee. The committee will be open to individuals who are committed to conducting objective and honest data collection and analysis. This group will refine evaluation criteria, develop specific indicators, and establish benchmarks by fall 2005. The evaluation will be conducted from fall '05 - fall '06 and the results will be presented at a public meeting in November '06.

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Please explain:

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18. Other Comments?