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I am a Newport Hills resident for 26 years now. The park space on 60th is very important to me and many many others. It has, for the past years, been what we call our 'dog park'. I realize that other residents would like it to include play equipment and other non-dog amenities. That will be great. There are many residents who do not agree with the Newport Community Club President, Heidi Dean. I recently read an email that she sent to you all stating there were homeless and unstable people on the park and trail grounds. As someone who is at the park every day, sometimes twice, rain or shine, I see nothing like that. I believe that Heidi has a personal agenda that doesn't match a majority of the users of the space. I, in 8+ years of using the space, have seen her on the property ONCE. Just once. I'm concerned that she is extremely interested in how it will be used, yet has never used it. And she is in favor of a delay in the process in order to gain more support in her agenda.

There is talk of 'movie night'. Sounds wonderful, except our weather isn't conducive to that for more than maybe two months of 'movies'. The playground also sounds wonderful, for part of the year. I believe and fear that our President just doesn't want that space for dogs, but has to let a minimum area of the park be for us dog people. I go all year, every day, rain or shine and so do my friends. Dogs don't care if it's raining. Heidi has stated that the dog park gets more and more crowded. Well, it does because there isn't enough park space for dogs and so many people need it for their fur babies. Heidi has even stated that she sees people from other areas (Renton) etc using the space and it's not for them. Do we now need a NH Passport at the gate? It is a popular dog park. It is a necessary dog park. I simply don't want one person to take away or alter what kind of park it could be.

Thank you,
Beth K