

Becky Ordin

Subject: RE: Sun Valley Park Letter

From: Louise Rubacky [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 7:26 PM
To: Susan Andrade-Wax <Susan.AndradeWax@cityofsanrafael.org>
Subject: Re: Sun Valley Park Letter

Hi Susan,

Directly below is a copy/past of a note I sent to Jim, about the proposed off-leash hours at SV Park, as I won't be able to make the meeting.

Thanks very much,
Louise

I am unable to attend the zoom meeting but would like to express my feeling that we should not have off leash hours at this park. I don't know the size of the Petaluma Park, but the size of this park is not great for dog runs, and many children are present during opening hours. Also, anything that encourages off-leash owners is a worry, because so many ignore the law anyway.

Rather, I would like the association to seriously look at how to address the fact that many dog owners, even with large dogs, do not keep their dogs on leash when walking them. I've witnessed multiple altercations, and the owner invariably claims his/her dog is not usually like that. There are always circumstance that provoke dogs to go nuts on other dogs, and worse, sometimes on kids. Between this irresponsible behavior and failure to pick up dog waste, a good percentage of dog owners are making Sun Valley much less clean and safe.

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From: Susan Andrade-Wax
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Becky Ordin
Subject: Fw: Sun Valley Park - Dangerous Situation for Children

From: Jack Sanford <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Susan Andrade-Wax <Susan.AndradeWax@cityofsanrafael.org>
Subject: Re: Sun Valley Park - Dangerous Situation for Children

Hi Susan,

I am unable to attend the meeting this evening. I'd like the following comment to be made: *I live in Sun Valley with my wife and two children. We have a 2 year old and 3 month old. We use the Sun Valley Park and playground regularly. We are extremely concerned about the dangerous situation at the park involving small children and dogs off leash. We were pleased to see additional signs installed recently stating that dogs must be leashed. However, we continue to see dogs off leash in the park. It seems inevitable that a very bad incident involving a dog and small child will occur if dogs are regularly off leash in the park while children are also using the park. The city should do all it can to avoid this from happening. The park should be a safe place for children to play. Thank you.*

-Jack Sanford