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Hello, my name is Ben Snaper and as a member of the community I would like to raise some concerns and opinions on the new Hilton Towers and Public Parks going to the south west corner of Warden and Highway 7.

There is a desperate need for Pet Owners to have a designated area (Dog Park) to let pets have a space where they can be off leash. Currently there are no parks within walking distance of the area that allow such activities and creates a problem for pet owners. All dogs must currently be on a leash and makes training a difficult thing to do without your own private and gated space.

Furthermore, we need more places to dispose of pet waste in public spaces. Pet Waste Stations make a great solution to help keep our communities and parks clean while giving pet owners the means to dispose of pet waste properly. Currently, only my building, the Fontana has pet waste stations and they have really made a difference. However, if you walk across the road to any of the surrounding condominiums, they have lots of Pet waste on the ground. We need to emphasize to building management and residents the importance of properly disposing of pet waste, the repercussions it has on the environment and water, and encourage/demand more places to dispose pet waste.

With the more condominiums going up, we are going to have more pet owners, and thus more of a need for a place for owners and pets to feel is safe, clean, and not harming our environment. An easy solution is to provide pet owners an area designated for pets and the means to clean up after them.

I propose we make an area within the public park that is fenced and designated for “off leash pet” privileges, provide pet waste stations with bags and disposal bins. This will not only benefit the local community and residents, but will also benefit many pet friendly businesses in the area. Guests of the Hilton hotel are allowed to bring their pets with them overnight, this pet park will also benefit those guests.

I look forward to tomorrows meeting.

Thank You :)

Ben Snaper