

PR Community Advisory Committee (PRCAC)
Point Roberts, Washington 98281

August 9, 2021

Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
Mike McFarlane, Whatcom County Parks and Recreation Director

Re: Proposal to establish an off-leash dog enclosure at Light House Park, Point Roberts, Wa

Dear Mr. Sidhu and Mr. McFarlane,

A subcommittee of PRCAC considered the problem of off-leash dogs at Whatcom County's Lighthouse Marine Park and other tidelands in Point Roberts. PRCAC believes the best remedy for uncontrolled dogs is to only allow off-leash canines in designated fenced areas. Point Roberts however lacks any such enclosure. There is nowhere that a law-abiding citizen may take their pet for legal and safe off-leash training or play. PRCAC is herein submitting a proposal to address this problem. The establishment of a roughly 1/2 acre fenced enclosure in the inland and upland area of Lighthouse Marine Park addresses this need.

Attached you will find a proposal researched and written by a sub-committee of PRCAC. This document proposes the establishment of a roughly half-acre fenced enclosure in a relatively unused portion of Light House Park but one that is uniquely well suited for this purpose.

Additionally, you will find copies of letters residents have written to PRCAC expressing their views and opinions about this proposal. You will see that of 41 letters received, 38 are resoundingly in favor of it. When a request for letters was posted on Point Roberts NextDoor, the thread had, at last count, 75 comments and again, the vast majority were in favor.

Mr. Sidhu, when you were last in Point Roberts you encouraged the large crowd that you addressed to work with PRCAC to bring you projects that would improve the quality of life as well as the economy in Point Roberts. Additionally, you

encouraged the audience to bring you projects that have a preponderance of community support. This project ticks all those boxes!

Mr. McFarlane, the Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan for 2022 details a number of goals and objectives that this proposal meets. Should you have any questions please contact either Annelle Norman (303-906-8880) or Kat Smith (518-637-6637). Also, please let us know the date and time of the next meeting of your citizens' advisory board so that we can make ourselves available to answer their questions.

Thank you both, very much, for your time and consideration.

PR Community Advisory Committee

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