

**Re: JC DogPAC Meeting**  
**March 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m.**  
**Robert Lee Recreation Center**

JC DogPAC met last night. There were two primary topics on the agenda: (1) reviewing and ranking the possible sites for the off-leash park; and (2) planning for the Second Annual Dog Paddle.

Possible park sites. We will be sending out a more detailed summary of the 3 sites, including some of the perceived strengths and problems with each site. From that summary, we hope many of you will “buzz in” on your choice. The short version of the site summary is that we have identified, with assistance and cooperation from City of Iowa City staff, 3 possible park sites.

- The most rural is located on Kansas Avenue, near the landfill and several miles west of Iowa City. This is a 40 acre, undeveloped tract of farm ground.
- The most “ready-to-go” is Scott Park located on Scott Blvd, near the intersection with American Legion Road. This is an existing city park, adjacent to an established residential neighborhood.
- The most central is on the peninsula located at the western end of Foster Road, off Dubuque Street in Iowa City. This land has already been designated by the city for development as parkland. It is remote in the sense that there is no established neighborhood nearby. At the same time, it will be readily accessible, especially when the pedestrian bridge across the Iowa River, connecting Iowa City to Coralville, is complete.

The vote last night was unanimously in support of siting the park on the peninsula. The Scott Park site was the second choice. There was no strong support for the Kansas Avenue site. If there is a consensus for either the peninsula or Scott Park, we will begin work with Terry Trueblood, Director of Parks and Recreation, to take the next steps forward. If you would like additional information about any of these sites, please call Misha Goodman at 356-5296 (email [misha-goodman@iowa-city.org](mailto:misha-goodman@iowa-city.org)).

Dog Swim2. We are thrilled to report that the Second Annual Dog Paddle in City Park pool is already being planned! And, like Barnum and Bailey, this will be even bigger and better than last year. It will be a 2-day event. You will be able to pre-register through the Parks and Recreation Dept., just like you register for an exercise or swimming class. We will be better organized and the event will run even more smoothly than last year. Barb Meredith, Misha Goodman and Beth Shields have agreed to plan and organize the event and they would like to have lots of help. Please contact Beth Shields at 335-9559 (email [beth-shields@uiowa.edu](mailto:beth-shields@uiowa.edu)) to offer your ideas and assistance.

The next JC DogPAC meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Robert Lee Recreation Center.