

Public Comments

Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting

April 21, 2026

The following people commented their concerns on the Proposed Walk Path on Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park

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| 1. Pat Bredouw     | 12. Dan Power         | 23. Kyle Wojcik              |
| 2. Darby Fox       | 13. Veda Onori        | 24. Dr. Terry Felts          |
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| 4. Deborah Christ  | 15. Tom Meaney        | 26. Jill Forsberg            |
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| 6. Dan Germano     | 17. Nancy Mamallo     | 28. Tina Elhindi             |
| 7. Susan Benyak    | 18. Janice Butler     | 29. Sean and Cindy<br>Ramsey |
| 8. Elynn Miller    | 19. Tracy Judd        | 30. Marilyn Hime             |
| 9. Angie Mitchell  | 20. Katelyn Jorgenson | 31. Moninder Gill            |
| 10. Brian Meyer    | 21. Ali Mohamed       | 32. Taylor Carrubba          |
| 11. Vicki Kennerud | 22. Linda Dixon       |                              |

The following people requested to be added to the Speaker List for oral comments on the Proposed Walk Path on Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park

1. Linda Dixon
2. Vanessa Hunt
3. Chris - no show
4. Dee An - no show
5. Deborah Rubano



## Grandview Dog Park Southern Entrance

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**From** Bredouw2 <Bredouw2@comcast.net>  
**Date** Thu 4/16/2026 2:15 PM  
**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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It has been my concern all along that the people now in charge of Grandview Park might not appreciate how special - truly unique - it is for the dog owners of this area. SeaTac should be proud of an off-leash facility as fine as Grandview.

Has the person who came up with the closure idea visited the park? And maybe more than once? No matter the weather, there are people and dogs there. On a good day, it can be almost difficult to find parking. And on those busy days the southern entrance provides relief from what can be a congested main gate area. Also - not having the 2nd entrance would mean quite a hike from the south end parking.

How many children are we talking about? Has there been a survey or count done of the numbers of people involved? I'm aware of the many people and dogs who make use of the park....and that includes the ramp at the southern end. I do not believe the number of children who might use a walking path beside the dog park would be remotely close to the number of adults who use the current southern entrance.

And after youngsters pass the dog park, where do they go? Is the plan for them to make their way across this sometimes very busy parking lot? I would think parents would be uncomfortable with their kids being in such close proximity to many, many people and dogs and moving cars. And I, as a park user, am frankly uncomfortable with the behavior of some kids.

One last question: Was there nothing in the original documentation pertaining to the transfer of this property for public use which would protect it from being nibbled away?

I now ask that this wonderful off-leash park be protected and kept intact as it has been for years.

Thank you  
Pat Bredouw

## Grandview Proposed Change

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**From** Darby Fox <fox.darby@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 4/14/2026 9:18 AM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Hello,

My dog and I have used Grandview off leash dog park for years. We generally come after dropping kids off at school.

In relation to the proposed changes to the south entrance ramp, I am for them. I see children daily walk through the park to school who are polite and ignore the dogs and the dogs ignore them. Veterans drive is a terribly big road to have elementary kids have to walk as well as it is quite a walk for the children.

Taking that small section of dog park will not negatively impact my dog at all but could be very beneficial for the numerous children in the newer apartments.

My only concern is S 228th St down to the park is a very thin road that is difficult for two large vehicles to navigate going cross traffic. If a path is put in through the dog park a sidewalk should be added on to S 228th to make the walk safe for the children.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the public and make the city safer.

Sincerely,  
Darby Russell

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## Concerns Regarding Proposed Path Near Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park

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From Pete Scholl <thedogzappa@gmail.com>

Date Tue 4/7/2026 10:02 AM

To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Dear Parks Department and respective county staff,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposal to introduce a children's walking path within or adjacent to the Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park.

I am a regular user of the park and access it through the **south entrance**, which I walk to and use weekly with my dog. This entrance is not just a convenience—it is what makes the park accessible to me. Reconfiguring the space or limiting access in this area would create an undue burden, requiring a significantly longer walk to the north entrance. For regular users like myself, that change is not minor; it directly affects whether the park remains practical to use.

Beyond personal impact, this park serves a much larger regional population. It draws dog owners from Kent, Renton, Auburn, Federal Way, Tukwila, Burien, Covington, Black Diamond, and surrounding areas—representing over 500,000 residents and an estimated **70,000 to 100,000 dog-owning households**. Reducing usable space or altering access points would impact a substantial number of people who rely on this facility.

I am also very concerned about safety. There have already been instances of children from nearby apartments approaching the fencing and interacting with dogs in unsafe ways—teasing, provoking, and attempting to touch them through the barrier. These situations create stress for the animals and pose a real risk of injury to the children.

Adding a designated children's path in close proximity to the off-leash area would likely increase these interactions. This introduces a foreseeable and preventable risk of dog bites or other incidents, placing both the public and the Parks Department in a difficult and potentially dangerous position.

From a planning standpoint, a children-focused walking path and an active off-leash dog park are incompatible uses when placed too closely together. Each has value, but they require clear separation to function safely.

I respectfully ask that the Department reconsider any proposal that would reduce the size of the off-leash area, alter key access points like the south entrance, or introduce known safety risks. There are alternative locations for pedestrian paths that would not compromise this important regional resource.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Scholl

253-486-9695

## Proposed Walkway at Grandview Dog Park

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**From** Deborah Christ <dchristnotes@icloud.com>

**Date** Tue 4/7/2026 2:09 AM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Please do not build the walkway. It will interfere with the dogs.

Thank you  
Deborah Christ  
206-852-5295

Sent from my iPhone

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**Re: Subject: Safety, Liability, and Regional Impact Concerns – Proposed Changes to Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park**

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**From** Bree-z Wonder-Dog <breezthedog@gmail.com>  
**Date** Mon 4/6/2026 8:56 AM  
**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Dear Parks Department and respective county staff,

I am writing in response to the proposal to repurpose a portion of Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park for a children's walking path. While I understand the intent to expand direct school access, this specific change raises serious safety, liability, and land-use concerns that should not be overlooked.

Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park functions as a **regional facility**, not a neighborhood park. It serves residents from across South King County, including Kent, Tukwila, Federal Way, Burien, Renton, Covington, Auburn, Black Diamond, and surrounding communities. These cities collectively represent a population exceeding **500,000 residents**, with an estimated **70,000 to 100,000 dog-owning households** based on standard household and pet ownership data.

This level of demand reflects a critical shortage of designated off-leash spaces in the region. Reducing usable space within an already heavily utilized facility would directly impact tens of thousands of responsible pet owners who rely on this park.

More importantly, the proposed integration of a children's path adjacent to or within the off-leash area introduces **clear and preventable safety risks**.

There is already a documented pattern of children from nearby apartments accessing the perimeter fencing and engaging in unsafe behavior, including:

- Teasing and provoking dogs
- Attempting to touch or interact with dogs through fencing
- Creating agitation among animals in an off-leash environment

This behavior places both children and animals at risk. Dogs in off-leash areas are not conditioned to interact safely through barriers, and fencing can create stress responses that increase the likelihood of defensive reactions.

Introducing a designated children's path in close proximity to this environment would:

- Increase the frequency of these unsafe interactions
- Create a foreseeable risk of dog bites or injury
- Expose the Parks Department to **significant liability**, as these risks are both known and preventable

From a planning standpoint, this proposal combines **two incompatible uses**:

- A high-energy, off-leash dog environment
- A child-focused pedestrian corridor

These uses require **clear separation**, not overlap.

There are more appropriate alternatives that would better serve community needs without introducing risk, including:

- Locating children's pathways in areas fully separated from off-leash activity
- Enhancing existing pedestrian infrastructure outside of the fenced dog area
- Preserving the current footprint of the off-leash space to meet demonstrated regional demand

This is not simply a matter of preference—it is a matter of **public safety, responsible design, and equitable access to limited recreational resources**.

I respectfully urge the Department to reconsider any reduction or reconfiguration of the off-leash area that would introduce known safety hazards or diminish a critical regional amenity.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,  
Dee An

**Grandview off leash park proposed changes.**

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**From** Julie and Dan Germano <internetpurchases@hotmail.com>  
**Date** Sun 4/5/2026 10:23 AM  
**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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To whom it may concern,

I'm am against the proposed modification of the park access points, particularly the loss of pond access. The pond is one of the best features of the park on hot days.

I don't see why we should lose access to any of the park for kids that walk to school via the park (which they really shouldn't be). At the very least add gates to both ends of the paved path to keep access. Alternatively, you could put in a path that leads from the top of Grandview Apartments to the south parking lot

for school kids. (See attached photo)

**Grandview  
Off-Leash  
Dog Park**

**Grandview Pond  
Recently viewed**



**lexan Gateway**

**Veterans Dr**



Additionally, I don't see the logic in adding fencing to the north section. Why not improve the hillside trails instead?

Thanks

Dan Germano  
Des Moines

## Grandview Dog Park

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**From** Susan Benyak <suebenyak@hotmail.com>  
**Date** Fri 4/3/2026 8:46 AM  
**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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I have just seen the proposed changes for Grandview on their Facebook page. I feel that the fence along the gravel road with gates to allow access to the woods is a huge waste of money, but it looks to be a done deal.

My major concern is the proposed change to the path down to the park from the south end of the parking lot. This path is exceedingly well used by dogs and people all day long. There is absolutely NO reason that kids from the apartments can't walk that way right now. The walkway is paved all the way from the apartments, into the park and along the southern edge then up the hill. Please don't change it -

Sincerely,  
Sue Benyak

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## UPDATED Grandview Dog Park proposed change

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From Elynn Miller, Dallas and Pals <elclayton34@gmail.com>

Date Mon 4/20/2026 1:51 AM

To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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(Re-sending due to formatting issue on first email I sent).

In regard to closing the south entrance to Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park and fencing off the existing walkway on the south end of the park for school children to use:

As a daily park user since Grandview first opened, I am very familiar with dog behavior and the behavior of the vast majority of children at the school, Grandview apartments, and in the park (see below). Children and dog parks do not mix!

The idea of a walkway along (technically through) Grandview is very irresponsible and is a danger to children.

There is no denying that children need a safe way to and from the school, but through a busy parking lot and along a dog park is NOT the place.

Additionally, the few children that come through the park do not justify taking away a heavily used part of the park.

My thoughts:

**Why it is a bad idea for the safety of children:**

- They would have to walk through a busy parking lot with cars coming and going.
- Dogs sometimes get loose in the parking lot which could pose a hazard to children.
- They would have to walk up 228th St. which is narrow, has no sidewalk, and a lot of cars using it.
- Children tend to put fingers through fences and they could easily get bit.
- Dogs can jump fences, even six foot tall fences, on to the walkway.
- Dogs dig under fences and could end up on the walkway.
- Fences get holes in them often that dogs can get through.

**Why it's a bad idea for park users:**

- The cement path on the south end of the dog park is heavily used.
- The park would be reduced to one entrance. This can easily cause congestion issues.
- People would have to walk through two parking lots and across the road to enter the park.
- Children running down the path and screaming, which children tend to do, stirs up the dogs.
- There have been years of issues with children from the Grandview Apartments and the school taunting dogs, throwing rocks at dogs and human park users, dropping food and wrappers into the

park (many foods are toxic to dogs). Having children walk along the park would likely exacerbate this problem.

**Possible solutions:**

--Have the children use the sidewalk on Military Road that was built specifically for them. The city spent a lot of money on it and took away homeowners' property to build it.

--Suggest the school employ a Bus Driver to and from the apartments. Surely this would be the lowest cost option.

THESE are ways to keep kids safe, NOT in a dog park!

Sincerely,

Elynn Miller

## Opposition to Proposed Changes to Park Access and Off-Leash Area

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From Angie Mitchell <ammitchell@me.com>

Date Mon 4/20/2026 10:17 AM

To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Dear SeaTac Parks and Recreation Committee,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed modifications to the park, specifically the plan to eliminate the south entrance ramp from the parking lot and restrict access to the off-leash dog area by installing fencing along the existing south asphalt trail.

This proposal raises several significant concerns. First, removing the south entrance access point for park users effectively reduces usable park acreage and limits accessibility to an area that is currently well-utilized by the community. Restricting entry into the off-leash dog area in this manner diminishes the functionality and value of the park for its intended users.

Equally concerning is the plan to create a designated pedestrian route for school students through the existing off-leash dog area to access the Grandview Apartments. This introduces a foreseeable safety risk for both the children and the animals. Off-leash areas are, by definition, spaces where dogs are permitted to roam freely. Introducing a steady flow of pedestrians, particularly unsupervised school-age children into this environment creates a high potential for negative interactions.

Based on existing behavior observed near the school, it is reasonable to anticipate that some children may attempt to engage with the dogs inappropriately, including teasing, feeding, throwing objects, or otherwise provoking the animals. These behaviors increase the likelihood of dog bites or other incidents, placing both the children and dog owners in an avoidable and unsafe situation. It is not responsible to design a pathway that encourages this type of interaction in a designated off-leash zone.

Additionally, there is already an established sidewalk infrastructure available for student use. Redirecting pedestrian traffic through a dog park is unnecessary and creates risk where none needs to exist.

I strongly urge the Committee to reconsider this proposal and prioritize both public safety and the intended use of park spaces. Maintaining clear separation between pedestrian routes and off-leash animal areas is a basic and essential standard in park planning.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Angie Mitchell

## Grandview dog park and children

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**From** Brian Meyer <brianmeyer87@gmail.com>  
**Date** Mon 4/20/2026 12:06 PM  
**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Please add the following to the record for the public meeting for the parks and recreation committee:

I'm concerned there may be a lack of understanding in how dogs and children interact, especially while all parties are running free.

- 1) Children of all ages by their very nature run and scream.
- 2) Dogs interpret this as play, will lay chase and often knock down children.
- 3) This is true even with the best behaved individuals.

Both children and dogs have a tendency to go off their marked paths and not all of each category are well behaved so there is a significant risk of a worse than ideal outcome. There already have been a number of less than ideal interactions between children and dogs. It may be dogs chasing and frightening children, or children throwing rocks at the dogs.

Increasing this kind of interaction is at best unwise and may border on negligent. Please do not add a path through the dog park for unsupervised children it is unsafe and inviting injuries.

Brian Meyer  
[brianmeyer87@gmail.com](mailto:brianmeyer87@gmail.com)  
206.554.9097

I am available if further discussion would be helpful.

## Concerns about proposed changes at Grandview Off Leash Dog park

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From vkennerud@comcast.net <vkennerud@comcast.net>  
Date Mon 4/20/2026 3:38 PM  
To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Dear SeaTac Parks & Recreation Committee Members:

I am a community member and frequent user of the Grandview Off Leash Dog Park.

I recently was made aware of proposed changes to the park that have left me deeply troubled and concerned.

I would like to say that this is a beautiful park with large areas that allows space for dogs to explore and play.

The space allows for dogs that are timid or small to have enough room to distance from larger dogs. It gives dogs the space needed to explore and maintain safe distances as needed.

I am deeply concerned about the proposal to close the south entrance and ramp to the parking lot. The park needs safe exits at both ends of the park (upper portion and lower portion).

It would be too crowded and congested with all dogs going in/out the same gate.

Also as dogs can have skirmishes, it is critical that there be a safe exit from the lower part of the dog park to the parking lot.

I understand that there are proposals to also take away the pond area of the dog park which I see is frequently used year round.

Even when that area is dry for the winter season, dogs use it as the interesting terrain and smells enhance the park.

There are no other local dog parks with this type of water feature and it is a high use feature.

I am deeply concerned about taking away park resources from a safety perspective though.

The south exit and path to parking lot are necessary for safety.

While I understand the desire to provide school children with a walking path, this is not the place for it.

Dogs would still be on the other side of the fence and as it is now, I have witnessed children without dogs coming into the park and misusing equipment (using pumps and hoses for their own summer water play). I have also seen children throwing rocks in the park.

I think that there is too much risk to children and the dogs to have an unsupervised exterior walking path next to the dog fence.

Additionally, the dog park is used year-round. The proposed walking path would only be used 2x a day on weekdays during the school year.

And it would still leave the children with a busy parking lot to navigate and then through a neighborhood with a busy road leading in/out of the park.

I think it is much safer for the children to use the existing sidewalks on the existing roads.

Please reconsider this proposal to take away from the Grandview Off Leash Dog Park.

It is both a safety risk and a deep disappointment to the long time users of this park.

It is one of the highlights of being in the SeaTac area and it would be disappointing to see the Park continue to be chipped away bit by bit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Vicki Kennerud

253-315-1667

## Proposed changes to Dog Park South entry.

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**From** DAN POWER <suged@comcast.net>  
**Date** Sat 4/18/2026 3:02 PM  
**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>  
**Cc** DAN POWER <suged@comcast.net>

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This is my comment to the proposal closing some of the south part of the dog park to make a path for school children.

#1 What would the path from the school to the south parking lot be? It would almost have to be through the north west part of the park.

I don't see this addressed in the proposal.

#2 Closing the South entry all the way to the dog spa area is a area that dog owners paid donations to pave and build sturdy metal fencing. this walkway would serve mainly the students apartments to the very East.

#3 A better option to me would be to secure some property from the south parking lot directly to the apartment complex and this would serve more children better

then going all the way to the south east area of the apartments and be less imposing on the dog park.

#4 To me closing the dog water spa, used by many is a non starter.

#5 If the apartment buildings have caused a problem of too many kids coming and going to school then the owners or developers should pay for needed infrastructure

# 6 I am out of town during your meeting on this matter or I would attend.

Dan Power  
Dog owner

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## Dangerous plan to put child's pathway at Grandview dog park

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**From** Veda Onori <vedaonori@yahoo.com>

**Date** Mon 4/20/2026 4:58 PM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Rumor has it that there is a plan to make a path from the ramp at Grandview dog, along the edge of the dog park with only a single fence and then out past the dog spa. I just laughed when I first heard it. That parking lot is not safe for children. The ramp itself would be a safe area. Then you would have a fenced off cattle area within the dog park, where the children are only separated from the dogs by a fence. For years, up at the playground before they kept the children away from the fence, the children yelled and screamed at the dogs and made them crazy, they even yelled and verbally harassed me with vile language. They poked their fingers through the fence. They can cause dogs to become fence aggressive and potentially aggressive once riled up to anyone else in the park. Also, dogs go over and slip through fences all the time. My friend put up 6 foot fences at her house and her dog jumped right over to get a bunny. It is a park danger we accept in itself and one of my dogs got out and died last month when someone left a gate unlocked. That front gate to the parking lot was ajar just today, just think if the wrong dog got out and ran through the parking lot to a bunch of excited children. I know you care more about the children, but you are going to teach a lot of dogs how to fence bark that didn't before and that is cruel. It is also cruel to take away the spa. It is a source of sanctuary and happiness for them. The park has thrown away every pool we've tried to bring in there and it gets very hot there. I can't believe this is even a consideration. I've already noticed parts of the park going a little downhill since you took away the care of the park from Curt. That was foolish. Foolish is one thing, don't be dangerous.

Veda Onori

Veda's Dog Day Afternoon

## Grandview Dog Park Proposed Action

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**From** Daniel Fooks <snorkydf@gmail.com>  
**Date** Tue 4/21/2026 9:24 AM  
**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed action to create a foot-path through the dog park for school children

The risk to the children due to aggressive dogs and of older children taunting dogs on their way through the proposed route is not in keeping with the city's commitment to child safety.

Thank You.

Daniel Fooks

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## Proposed Grandview Dog Park Pathway Closure

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**From** Tom Meaney <tom.meaney3@gmail.com>  
**Date** Tue 4/21/2026 9:59 AM  
**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>  
**Cc** City Council <CityCouncil@seatacwa.gov>

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in opposition of the proposed closure of the gate and pathway along the southern boundary of Grandview Dog Park.

Currently, the park offers multiple options for visitors to enter and exit. As Grandview Dog Park is such a large area servicing multiple residential properties in the immediate area as well as visitors who don't live in the immediate area, like my wife and I, these options have proven to be essential on busy days to prevent crowding at the gates. Anyone who owns a dog can tell you how challenging it can be to control one's dog(s), no matter how well-behaved they are, at the sight of another dog.

Currently, there is a sign posted at the main entrance to not linger around the entrance as it will make entrance and egress more challenging. By closing 2/3 of the entrance/exit options, it will do exactly that and will very likely result in highly unfavorable outcomes as some dogs may escape their owners and run out of the gate, putting them at risk for harm.

Furthermore, there has been substantial improvements in city infrastructure surrounding the park and school to allow for students to have easier, safer access to the school. Grandview Dog Park is a high-prowler area and advertised as such in the parking area. Considering the area that is proposed to be closed is practically a tunnel, I feel it could prove to be a greater risk for student safety than a benefit.

Closing the southern gates for what will essentially part-time usage for students and forcing all dog owners to be corralled in and out of a single gate is going to have the opposite effect that this proposal is hoping for. There will not likely be enough student usage throughout the school year to justify the cost of the modifications needed to close the two gates and pathway, especially since there is no way to guarantee student safety in an advertised "high prowler area," in exchange for taking away two essential entrance and exit options to a high-usage portion of the 30 acre park.

As an avid visitor of Grandview Dog Park who has made use of two of the three current gates to prevent crowding, I strongly urge that this proposal be voted down and keep the current entrances for Grandview Dog Park as-is.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Tom Meaney III  
*"Trust and Discipline"*

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**Comment for Parks and Recreation Meeting on 4/21/2026**

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**From** Chervyn Lee <chervcherv@gmail.com>

**Date** Mon 4/20/2026 5:05 PM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Good Afternoon,

This comment is for the upcoming Parks and Recreation Meeting tomorrow on April 21st, 2026 at 3:30pm as I will be unable to attend.

**Subject:** Change to the south Off-Leash access of Grandview Dog Park

We were informed that the park was looking into closing the south entrance of the dog park and along the cement walkway to make a walkway for kids coming/going from the apartments to school. Here are my main two concerns.

1. One concern I have is with the safety of the children. When it comes to dog behaviors, having a fence between dogs and people/other dogs can cause dogs to react moreso than a child walking through the park. Many dogs at the park are better off leash and may be fence or leash reactive. Creating this barrier will create a danger to the children who are utilizing this walkway.

2. Many families bring their children to the dog park, and we've seen incidences of dogs being nippy/jumpy as soon as they get into the park IF there are too many dogs lingering in the entrance. By taking away the second entrance, this will essentially create a bottle neck at the park, as well as create more instances where dogs who are charged up and ready to run, act out and could lead to humans big and small being bit/affected. There **NEEDS** to be two entrances at least for a park of this magnitude and with how many owners come to the park.

Thanks,

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Chervyn Lee

-Nothing in the world that's worth having comes easy.

## Grand View Dog Park

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**From** nmamallo <nmamallo@yahoo.com>  
**Date** Mon 4/20/2026 5:16 PM  
**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Hello,

I am unable to attend your council meeting tomorrow. But I would like to voice my opinion on the idea of closing off the back gate to Grandview to create a path for kids walking to the elementary school from the apartments nearby.

The number of people who use the back gate and the "dog spa" far outnumber the number of children who "might" use this new proposed "tunnel". Dogs love the spa on hot AND cold days. Last weekend, there was a constant flow of dogs using both the back gate and spa.

The new fenced off area plan would funnel children into possible danger if some<sup>8</sup>one was waiting at the end with nefarious thoughts. The kids would have no way to escape as they would be fenced in. If they wish to cut through Grandview Park ( I'm sure they already do), the open field would be much safer for them.

I have been using this park for over 20 years. It's really a shame that DOGS was kicked out and now you are thinking of closing off a popular area??? Whoever thought this was a great idea should be put in a doggie crate to think on it some more. Please don't do this.

Thank you very much.

Best Regards,  
Nancy Mamallo

## Grandview Off Leash Dog Park

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**From** Janice Butler <janicebutler71@gmail.com>

**Date** Mon 4/20/2026 5:36 PM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Hello, and thank you for taking the time to read my comment. The idea to put in a fenced path along the south entrance to the dog park for children is one that has absolutely not been thought through. Since the school has put a crossing guard at the entrance to the park along Military road there have been no incidents involving children going through the dog park. Before that, children ran, screamed at, and threw things at the dogs. The issue is to keep the kids from going down into the parking lots and then into the dog park. A fence is not going to keep them from going into the dog park anyway. Furthermore, fences can cause aggression between dogs and whatever is on the other side. In this case it would be children. The school has done it's part to keep the kids safe on their way to and from school. Grandview Off Leash Users cannot, and should not be responsible for children being allowed and encouraged to go down to the park. Fence or no fence, children and Off Leash Dogs who they do not know, do not mix well. I have been a user, volunteer, steward, and professional walker for well over 20 years. Please allow Grandview to be what it is, an Off Leash Dog Park. Thankyou for your time.

Janice Butler

Butler Pet Services LLC



Outlook

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## Dog park

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**From** Tracy Judd <tracyjudd24@gmail.com>

**Date** Mon 4/20/2026 6:16 PM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Hello and thank you for taking the time to read my email. I would be there in person, but I am working at this time of day. This is a big issue to me and a lot of folks regarding the safety of dogs and children. In my opinion, it is a very poor idea to mix the two as there are plenty of dogs that are not acquainted with children, and there are plenty of children that do not understand dogs which makes this a very unsafe scenario for both parties. Additionally, I have concerns about gates being left open as a dog has already been hit by a car last month because somebody left the gate open... Can you imagine how easy that would be for a child to open the gate and come in and not shut the gate or just open the gate while walking by thinking it's funny... With all the Seattle parks surrounding us there are very few dog parks in comparison, even though there are significantly more dogs in the Seattle area than children. I am very hopeful that you guys decide against making these changes for the safety of all

Thank you for your time.

Best,

Tracy Judd

## No Against Removing Entrance at Grandview Dog Park//Meeting 04/21/26

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From Katelyn Jorgenson <katejjorg@gmail.com>

Date Mon 4/20/2026 7:31 PM

To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>; City Council <CityCouncil@seatacwa.gov>

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Dear SeaTac City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of the south entrance to Grandview Dog Park for the construction of a student pathway.

It is important to note that significant public funds were recently used to widen and expand the sidewalks on Military Road, specifically to facilitate safe travel between the nearby apartment complexes and the elementary school. Given this recent infrastructure investment, altering the dog park, which is a long-standing and beloved community fixture, to provide an additional path for the same route seems unnecessary.

Furthermore, the dog park serves a wide demographic from SeaTac and the surrounding areas, whereas the proposed path primarily benefits a specific subset of apartment residents. It is also a matter of safety; for a park of this size and popularity, maintaining at least two separate entrances is essential for the safe flow of people and pets. Not to mention, who is monitoring the kids using this pathway? How is this pathway going to cut across the parking lot of the dog park?

I urge the Council to preserve the current footprint and accessibility of Grandview Dog Park and utilize the existing improvements on Military Road for student transit.

Sincerely,  
Katelyn Jorgenson  
3703 South 286th St  
Auburn, WA 98001

**Parks & Recreation MEETING APRIL 21, 2026 at 3:30pm | Public Comment**

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**From** Ali Mohamed <ali.baba.mohamed@icloud.com>

**Date** Mon 4/20/2026 7:49 PM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Good evening,

Name: Ali Mohamed

From: SeaTac, WA

I would like to Keep the south Entrance to the dog park as is. As a parent I sympathize with the prospect of potential incidents with children. However, I think what lost is the fact that children don't need to access the dog park to make way to the adjacent Apartments. These apartments were built many years after the dog park was in place. There is already an established sidewalk on Military road, that students can and already take to go home. The students don't have to see a single canine on this route.

This potential project is trying to solve a problem that doesn't actually exist. Students are not currently getting mauled by dogs and already have a safe route home. Creating a shortcut through the dog park is an unnecessary expenditure that at best would save walking students a few minutes on their walk home.

Thank you for your time reading my comment.

Sent from my iPhone



## Grandview dog park fenced area for kids access to apartments

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From Linda Dixon <linda.dixon@gmail.com>

Date Mon 4/20/2026 8:27 PM

To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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To: SeaTac city council

From: Linda Dixon

Here are my comments regarding your proposal to fence off part of Grandview dog park for use by children to pass through between their apartments and their school:

1. The current way that the kids go from their apartments to school and back is to use the existing sidewalk. This sidewalk is controlled by crossing guards at each intersecting street, and is protected from the road by planting islands between the road and the sidewalk. This is a purposefully planned and completely adequate way for the children to pass between their apartments and the school and is the safest way for them to go.
2. In this current proposal, you would have the kids walk down the hill at S 228th St., and into the paved parking lot at the south end of the dog park where they would go down the far hill and into a fenced section of the dog park and over to their apartments. This is very dangerous for the following reasons:
  - a. The S 228th road is narrow and does not have enough room to let the kids walk safely away from cars going up and down the hill. Also, they would be walking past a large section of woods that is known to have coyotes and could possibly have people who prey on children waiting for their opportunity to grab a child. This is a lawsuit waiting to happen.
  - b. The parking lot is dangerous because of cars pulling in and out, cars backing up, and dogs that may not be completely trusting of children. This is a lawsuit waiting to happen.
  - c. The far hill that they would walk down is very dangerous because it's in a dark corner of the lot bordered by woods (again with possible coyotes and nefarious individuals). In the Fall and Winter this hill is very, very slippery and kids could get hurt on the wet leaves and ice, especially if they run up or down the hill (which they will do!). This is a lawsuit waiting to happen.
  - d. Once they enter the newly fenced area inside the dog park that heads to their apartment building they will be in an area that will attract the attention of the dogs, in some cases causing aggressive behavior both from the dogs toward the kids and the kids toward the dogs. The kids will throw things over the fence at the dogs because they are afraid of them or to tease them (don't say it won't happen because I've seen it more than once!). They will call to the dogs, further teasing the dogs (I've seen this happen too). They will stick their fingers through the fence where they could get bit by a dog. Also, this walkway that you're proposing to fence in gets very slippery with ice during the winter because it's always in shade and doesn't thaw. All of this is a lawsuit waiting to happen.

3. This current proposal also causes several issues for the users of the park:

a. Currently people can park in the south lot and go down the south hill and into the lower level of the park through the gate you are proposing to take away. So then with only one entrance to the park at the north gravel parking lot, people will be forced to walk from the south parking lot to the gate at the north parking lot, causing danger because of cars backing up and coming in and out of the lot. This is another possible lawsuit.

b. Also, with only one entrance/exit, emergency vehicles will be forced to bring a gurney all the way down the north park hill to any emergency situation on the lower fields. Currently they can come quickly down the south hill. This was the case just 2 weeks ago when one of the park users thought she broke her leg. Another possible lawsuit.

c. If there were a devastating emergency at the park and people had to exit quickly (think shooting, eruption, etc.), they'd all have to rush to the one and only exit causing chaos and possible injury. You guessed it - another possible lawsuit.

4. You may think that I'm being overly dramatic saying that any of these situations may result in a lawsuit, but we all know that in this litigious society that we live in, people are just looking for an opportunity to sue and settle for big bucks. Even now the SeaTac parks department is installing fencing to curtail usage of the upper wooded area of the park because of liability issues, so you are well aware that lawsuits can and will be filed if anything happens to the children, the park users, or the dogs.

5. Taking away our watering hole (known as the "spa" or the "pond") would be a very disheartening turn of events. The dogs love to play out there and we've made improvements such that it is safe for both the dogs and the people who want to use the paved trail next to it. We have been good stewards of the dog park for almost 23 years. We've made many other improvements and kept away some unsavory activity which existed before we came on board in 2003. Now it feels like you are punishing us.

Questions for you:

1. How many kids are wanting to use this new pathway? It feels like this is catering to the few and punishing the majority of park users.

2. Is this really a better way for the kids to go? Does it save them time/distance? Maybe 3 minutes and 200 yards? At what expense? It's a dangerous way to have them walk. Besides, it certainly isn't going to hurt a child to walk a few hundred yards extra in a day. Parents today are raising kids that hide behind their screens and don't move enough as it is.

3. Why waste the tax payer dollars on a solution for a problem that doesn't exist??? The existing sidewalks are the best way for the kids to go!!!

4. Is there an ulterior motive here? It feels like you are trying to push us out of the dog park. The citizens of SeaTac and the users of Grandview dog park deserve transparency!!

Thank you,  
Linda Dixon

**Grandview Off Leash Dog Park**

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From Kyle Wojcik <kylewoj1970@yahoo.com>  
Date Mon 4/20/2026 8:38 PM  
To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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**This is what I just came up with: Hello and thank you in advance for taking the time to read my comments regarding building a path through Grandview Off Leash Dog Park. I have been working professionally with dogs for nearly 20 years in various venues from animal shelters to animal control agencies to running my own dog care business. I've been utilizing Grandview Off Leash Dog Park for close to 8 years.**

**My dogs, my colleagues, daily dog park patrons and I have thoroughly enjoyed the park. During my time at Grandview Park, myself, many colleagues and many other patrons of the park have sadly encountered disrespectful children from the River Ridge Elementary school-not only on the school grounds, but within the parking lot and within the off leash park, itself, screaming, yelling and throwing things at the dogs. Not to mention they try to run through the park. In the United States, children are the number one victims of dog bites due to their sudden movements, noise and fearfulness. Because of these reasons, there is a high likelihood that children will get chased, knocked down and in many cases, get bitten. Dog parks are designated areas for dogs-a place where they are allowed to run, play, wrestle and interact with their owners. Constructing a pathway for children through a dog park is would be very dangerous for children and unfair to the dogs and patrons. Please keep Grandview Off Leash Dog Park just that-an off leash dog park. Thank you again for your time.  
Regards, Kyle Wojcik**

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**closing off the south entrance of grandview DOG Park**

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From tj felts <drterbear1@aol.com>

Date Mon 4/20/2026 11:15 PM

To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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to be brief...

**SUPER BAD IDEA!!**

There are multiple reasons:

This is a very busy park; jamming it all down to one entrance means longer distances to get in the park, more confrontation between dogs because of the condensed need to move in and out of the park- no means for avoiding. It will also cause more erosion on one side of the park. It will cause congestion on the north end for parking, an area that is already difficult because of the tight access. Having to bring dogs thru a more car congested area, passing the entrance to the park to get to the gate, etc.

There is already a pathway for kids to get around- that should also have been planned and addressed **BEFORE** they put them in. They can put access in thru **THEIR** property. In this area most (if not all) kids are bussed and can be picked up in front of/near their complex. **THEY** built the problem, they should fix it using their property and resources.

There is also the risk of injury to the kids reaching thru the fence and /or the kids causing damage to the park, teasing or aggravating the dogs - not all kids are dog savvy or well behaved.

**DON'T DO IT... BAD IDEA.** They should plan better. Those apts/homes have been there for several years now without problems. Why is it a problem now? Will we just keep trimming it away until private equity buys it all up and builds on it??

This park is a great resource not only for seatac/ Burien but for south king county.

**DO NOT START DOWN THIS ROAD. PROTECT THIS RESOURCE!!**

Dr. Terry Felts, Dog owner - several generations of dogs raised at this park.

## Grandview Dog Park

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From Miller, Mary <marymiller39@gmail.com>  
Date Mon 4/20/2026 11:20 PM  
To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Dear SeaTac,

I have heard about the suggested change to the south parking lot and end of Grandview dog park and feel very strongly that I need to voice my opinion from the view point of an elderly woman who uses the park daily.

I find several aspects of this idea quite concerning for park users and the children, the first being the safety of the children including:

That area of the park is pretty secluded, dark, and wooded. Being a grandmother, I know I would not feel comfortable with my grandchildren going to and from school in an area like that. There have also been homeless people living in those woods and drug deals that occasionally take place at that end of the parking lot. The park users are great about getting these people out of the park but if that end was closed there wouldn't be park users to do that. You would have small children having to be confronted with these issues. Additionally, that walkway gets icy in winter and covered with slippery leaves in fall. Not good walking conditions for children. In addition, in the winter you would have children coming through a dark parking lot and walkway after school. I noticed on the city website about this meeting that there was the suggestion of putting lighting in for the children. The park users have been trying to get lights put in to the park for years and have always been told that it is way too costly. To spend the money on lights for the children, especially after having spent so much on the sidewalk along Military for the children, would be a slap in the face to park users.

My children and grandchildren walked to and from school, much farther than these children have to walk. Kids now-a-days need to walk! It won't hurt these children to walk an extra couple blocks down Military. There is absolutely no reason they need to make a short cut through the park.

If I am understanding correctly, this walkway would eliminate the water area (call the Spa by park users) on the south east part of the park. That area is vital to the park since kiddie pools are no longer allowed. Volunteers built the fence around the Spa for the dogs. They should be thanked for fencing an attractive nuisance of an unattended pond next to apartments with children. They should not have that area taken away.

Another concern is that closing the south entrance leaves the park with only one entrance. As it is, the north entrance gets very busy with congestion of people and dogs. There have been many times I've

seen people get knocked down and I myself have been knocked down just due to the number of people and dogs coming and going. Eliminating the south entrance would only add to this issue.

Again, being elderly, most of the time I use the south entrance since it is smoothly paved and I can come right down it into the park and stay on the paved walkway at the south end of the park and then continue on that cement path to the east side of the park where I can walk laps with my dog and stay on cement the entire time. The north entrance is a hazard to me, other elderly people, people in wheelchairs, people who use walkers, crutches, etc. because the road from the entrance at the north end all the way down to the lower part of the park is in very poor condition. I have tripped, and seen so many people trip using that entrance due to the broken cement and deterioration of that road (which was supposed to have been resurfaced years ago). The city is so concerned about children needing a special walkway through the park but doesn't seem to be concerned about the liability of the condition of the road.

Closing the south entrance would also make it difficult for rescue workers if someone were to be hurt at the park and need an ambulance. The paramedics would have to enter from the north side and come all the way through the park to get someone when now they can park by the south entrance and go right down.

The city is so concerned about liability that they put signs on rabbit trails on the north end of the park and are putting in fences to block off our only shade and trails on the north end of the park, and also would not let Curt continue to care for the park, yet aren't concerned about liability of small, unattended children in a dog park and walking down a busy road and parking lot with cars constantly coming and going? This make no sense at all!

I understand the city's concern for the children, however, the school has been there since the park opened. The city should have put a plan in place BEFORE the Grandview Apartments were built and not try to retrofit a dog park of all places, into a place for small, unattended children to pass through.

Having spent many days at Grandview, I have had to deal with the children from those apartment and the school, and frankly, they scare me. I have been cussed at, yelled at, and had rocks thrown at me and my dog from children from the apartments and school. I have also seen the destructive behavior of those kids...propping the gate open to try let dogs escape and then running and screaming at the dogs and park users for the dogs getting out, unwinding all the plastic bags, catching the park on fire on the fourth of July, lighting fireworks in the park. The apartment kids use the park like it's their own personal park. It is not and they shouldn't even have access to it unattended by an adult but that is something park users have been battling the city and apartments with since the apartments were built. Honestly, most of those children at the apartments are incredibly disrespectful and disobedient. They should not be in or near the park!

This park was started and run by volunteer groups for 20+ years with no financial or maintenance help from the city and it became a heavily used and loved park for the entire region with users from Tacoma to Everett. Since the city took over I have noticed things that should be getting done not getting done, and things that don't need to be done getting done (and costing the city money...i.e. fencing off the north end trails). It feels like the city is trying to squeeze people out of the park and take away park land. It is getting tiresome to fight the city but park users will never stop trying! Park users deserve to know the truth about this beloved park...is the city trying to close it to turn it into a children's park? Is there something else going on?

The park doesn't see many children coming through it since the new sidewalk along Military Way was put in and the crossing guards have been there. The city spent a lot of dollars on that sidewalk specifically so children didn't come through the dog park. Perhaps the city should install fencing between the sidewalk and Military Road. That, or a school bus to and from the apartments and school would be the safest of all solutions.

I realize this is a long message but all of these things need to be said. KEEP GRANDVIEW FOR DOGS, NOT CHILDREN!

Thank you,

Mary Miller

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## Grandview Dog Park

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**From** Jill Forsberg <jillf11@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 4/21/2026 8:10 AM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Hello,

I want to comment on the proposed fencing at Grandview Dog Park. I disagree with closing off the south end paved path for school children in the apartments to use as a path to school. There are several reasons I disagree with this proposal.

One is that the children already have a safe sidewalk to use on Military Road. The sidewalk is buffered from traffic by a vegetation barrier. I have also seen crossing guards at the 228th st intersection, further assuring safety as children walk to school.

Two is that the south end paved path allows for full access to the dog park by mobility impaired dog owners, dog owners with strollers and dog owners with wagons for elderly dogs. Without access to the paved path, these patrons could have limited access to the park.

Three is that having school children in such close proximity to dogs could increase risk to the children. They could be tempted to put their fingers through chain link fencing to "say hello" to the dogs, increasing the risk of being bit.

Four is that the dog park is accessed by patrons all day whereas school children need to walk to and from school limited days of the year and limited hours of the day. There is typically about a half hour window in the morning and afternoon where children walk to the nearby school. They do not need to limit access to the dog park for dog owners for such a short period of time.

Five is safety. If the children used the proposed path, they would then have to walk through the dog park parking lot where there is risk of injury by cars.

Six is additional safety concerns for pedestrians and dogs being routed to one entrance. This has the potential to create a log jam increasing the stress of the dogs and the likelihood of fights or injuries.

Seven is that by limiting access to the dog park to one entrance you necessitate full closure of any work is done at that entrance, an unfair situation to the dogs and people.

Eight is that many dogs enjoy having access to the pond area at the south end of the park for swimming in the months there is water. I believe the closest swimming dog park is on Mercer Island (I could be wrong). It is a nice bonus for the dogs who enjoy the water.

In conclusion I vehemently disagree with the proposed change in fencing at the south end of the dog park to accommodate a small number of children who already have a safe route to walk to school. Thank you for your consideration.

Jill Forsberg

Sent from my iPhone

**parks and Rec meeting regarding south parking lot of Grandview.**

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**From** Carolina Miranda <camrfn1@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 4/21/2026 8:21 AM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Hello, my name is Carolina Miranda from the city of Des Moines, WA and this is in regards to Grandview off-leash Park in SeaTac. In specific to South Parking lot proposal.

Key Concerns

- Accessibility:

The current entrance is the only access point properly adapted for individuals with disabilities. It features the only dedicated ramp and loop connection, making it vital for wheelchair users and those with limited mobility.

- Safety:

The proposed layout requires unsupervised children to navigate a busy parking lot. This shift significantly increases the risk of vehicular accidents and compromises student safety.

- Park Integrity and Liability:

Directing unsupervised children alongside the dog park perimeter creates potential for conflict. There is a high risk of children harassing the animals or sustaining injuries by placing fingers through the fencing, creating safety concerns for both the children and the dogs.

## Thoughts on South Entrance Changes

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**From** Tina Elhindi <tinaelhindi@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 4/21/2026 8:27 AM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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I am writing as a frequent visitor of Grandview Off-leash dog park to express my opposition to the proposal to convert the south entrance into a dedicated walking path for students / kids.

While I support safe routes for children, this specific location presents safety risks for both the students and park users alike. Examples include:

- **High Vehicle Traffic:** The south parking lot is constantly busy with cars entering and exiting. Introducing a high volume of children, via school bus drop-offs or other, into this zone is dangerous.
- **Off-Leash Animal Risks:** Grandview is an off-leash park. Dogs in this park are often in a high-energy state; even well-behaved dogs can jump fences or bolt toward the parking lot when excited. Mixing young children with loose, large, or reactive dogs creates an unnecessary liability and physical risk to the kids.
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- **Loss of Park Space:** Closing the south entrance would eliminate access to a sizable amount of park space, including "The Spa" dog swimming area, which is a vital resource for many users especially in the summer.
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- **Supervision Issues:** Previous incidents have already shown that children entering the park unattended can lead to harassment of the animals and safety scares. Using the park as a primary drop off / pick up area for students will only exacerbate these unsupervised interactions.

I hope the city reconsiders this plan and looks for alternative routes that do not pass directly through the park and are safer for kids.

Sincerely,  
Tina Elhindi

"...with the provision it remain a park in perpetuity"

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**From** Cynthia Ramsey <nerdsinboots@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 4/21/2026 10:38 AM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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This land is supposed to remain a park "in perpetuity." (See attached) The proposed path takes land away from the park, and takes the south and east entrances to the park away from the park users. With the east entrance being dedicated to the path, people in the park will be denied access to the east side of the park that lies outside of the fenced area, and people who want to access the park from the east won't be able to get in.

Taking land, and two entrances, away from the park does not fulfill the city's obligation to keep the land as a park in perpetuity.

Respectfully,  
Sean and Cindy Ramsey  
206-617-7286

## Vandalism and abuse

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**From** Cynthia Ramsey <nerdsinboots@gmail.com>

**Date** Tue 4/21/2026 11:51 AM

**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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The kids have a history of throwing rocks at the dogs, kicking at the fence, leaving the gates open, unspooling entire rolls of poop bags, and yelling curse words and obscenities at the people.

To create a path where an entire apartment complex of unsupervised children walks along the fence of an off leash dog park is just asking for a disaster to happen.

Respectfully,  
Sean and Cindy Ramsey  
206-617-7286

## South entrance for the most/best use

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From Cynthia Ramsey <nerdsinboots@gmail.com>

Date Tue 4/21/2026 12:45 PM

To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Taking away the south entrance will cause more congestion and gate related conflict (gate guarding, fence aggression, and dogs fighting) at/near the north entrance. It is safer for the dogs, and their people, if people can choose to use the entrance nearest their car thereby minimizing their time spent in the parking lot and reducing the chances of getting hit by a car.

A Google search tells me that "In Washington state, a traditional school year lasts 180 days. Students have a few short breaks along the way and a long break in the summer."

People would use Grandview for walking their dogs from 5:00 am until 11:00 pm 365 days of the year, if the city didn't put restrictions on the park hours.

Are we (dog owners/walkers) really going to completely lose access to a vital, and necessary, second entrance to the park so that it can be used (by kids) for maybe 2 hours a day on less than 180 days of the year?

That does not seem like the best use of park resources.

Sean and Cindy Ramsey  
206-617-7286

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**Public Comment: Proposed Changes to Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park South Entrance**

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**From** Marilyn Hime <himemarilyn@gmail.com>  
**Date** Tue 4/21/2026 10:50 AM  
**To** P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to provide public comment regarding the proposed changes to the south entrance of the Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park.

I would like to express my opposition to the proposal to close the south entrance and install fencing to create a dedicated pedestrian corridor through the off-leash area.

While I understand the intent to provide a safe route for school children, routing pedestrian traffic—especially children—directly through an active off-leash dog park raises significant safety concerns. Even with fencing in place, there remains a high likelihood of interaction between dogs and children. Dogs can jump or react unpredictably, and children may reach through fencing, increasing the risk of injury.

In addition, there have already been negative interactions between children and park users in and around this area, including children throwing rocks, teasing dogs, and leaving food or trash that can be harmful to animals. Introducing a designated route for students through the park is likely to increase these types of incidents rather than prevent them.

I am also concerned about the impact of removing the south entrance entirely. This is a large, heavily used park, and limiting access to a single entrance/exit creates congestion, reduces accessibility, and could present safety issues in the event of an emergency.

Furthermore, this proposal would reduce usable park space and eliminate access to key features such as the dog swim area. The Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park is an important community resource, and diminishing its size and functionality negatively affects the many residents who rely on it.

There are existing sidewalks and routes designed for pedestrian travel, and those options should be prioritized rather than repurposing a designated off-leash dog park for through traffic.

This proposal introduces unnecessary risk while reducing the safety, accessibility, and intended use of the park. I respectfully urge the City to reconsider and pursue alternative solutions that do not compromise this valuable community space.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Hime  
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## Concerns About Proposed Changes at Grandview Park

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From M Gill <moni.gill88@gmail.com>

Date Tue 4/21/2026 11:28 AM

To P&R Public Comment <prpubliccomment@seatacwa.gov>

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Hi,

I just wanted to send a quick note about the proposed closure of the south entrance and the fencing along that side of the park.

I get that the goal is to make things safer for kids, but this honestly feels like it could create more issues than it solves. Having a path right next to an off-leash dog area, even with a fence, doesn't really eliminate risk. Dogs can jump or get through, and kids are naturally going to stick their hands through or try to interact, which they already do. That's just not a great situation.

It also sounds like kids would still have to go through or around a busy (vehicle and dogs) parking lot to get there, which kind of defeats the purpose of making things safer in the first place.

The south entrance is also one of the easier access points for a lot of people. Closing it off makes the park less accessible, especially for anyone who relies on a more direct, simple path in.

And honestly, the dog swimming area is a huge part of why people use this park. Dogs love it and it's not just a bonus feature, it's something people come specifically for every single day they can before it dries up. Compared to a school route that's used part of the year, this space is used year-round by the community. Taking that away (or making it inaccessible) feels like a pretty big loss.

Also, maintenance of the park has gone downhill pretty quickly since the city took over. Instead of adding a secondary leashing area by the main gate (which would be safer for both people and dogs), the porta potties were moved outside the fence. Now when owners step out to use them, their dogs end up waiting and lingering by the fence until they come back in, which creates unnecessary stress and safety issues.

Overall, this just doesn't seem like the best or safest solution for anyone. I'd really hope the city looks at other options that keep kids completely separate from both traffic and off-leash areas without taking away access to parts of the park people use all the time.

Thanks for your time,

**Larissa Arroyo**

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**From:** Taylor Carrubba <tcarrubba26@gmail.com>  
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I cannot make the meeting today so I'd like to make the following comments...

1) One of the reasons we frequent Grandview Off-Leash Dog Park is to enjoy the water area during the fall, winter, and spring. Closing this feature would be very upsetting to both dogs and owners. As the temperature warms up, dogs look forward to a place to cool off/swim. I'll attach some pictures of my dogs enjoying the water area. Another concern is that this area seems to be a stormwater management basin. What will happen to all of the excess stormwater no longer being detained and how will it affect the downstream areas? As per the national wetlands inventory, wetlands exist in the proposed work area. How would you ensure the longevity of the path? Water will inevitably seep into the base layers of the path and cause them to become uneven risking future injury to the kids.



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2) The park is already feeling the lack of maintenance since the city of SeaTac took over care for the park from DOGS. The agility courses are falling apart, fencing is falling over, paths aren't being maintained and in lieu of actively maintaining the park, it seems the signs posted warning of uneven terrain to waive liability when someone inevitably gets injured due to negligence.

3) Safety is a big concern for both dogs and kids alike. Anytime you invite unsupervised children into an area with dogs you're setting both parties up for failure. I've witnessed kids throwing rocks, sticks, etc at

dogs baiting them into a reaction. I've also witnessed unsupervised children leave gates wide open to allow dogs to escape. Who's liable when a child opens the gate and allows a dog to escape? The child? The parent? Or the city who invited the kids into the dogs' space? Disregarding children entirely, having a second access to the park from the parking lot lowers congestion both at the gate as well as in the parking lot. If you park by the side entrance, it's much safer for everyone involved to take the walkway down to the side gate than to traverse the entire parking area to get to the main gate.

4) There are few areas just for dogs in the area. I think taking away from their areas to provide "a safe path for kids" to use a maximum of 3 hours for 180 days of the year seems like a waste of resources when the park is used by dog owners 365 days a year for the entirety of the hours of operation.

5) Accessibility is another concern. One of the ladies in our dog pack is a 79 year old lady who requires a scooter to enjoy the park. By taking away the side entrance, she will no longer be able to enjoy the park. The path down from the main gate is too rough and bounces her scooter to the point where her back gets injured. She utilizes the side gate for a smooth ride down to the paved path near the sand arena so they both can enjoy the park. I wonder how many other visitors share the same requirements.

Has this been the agenda all along? Is that why the city of SeaTac took over the management of the park? DOGS took much better care of the park. Paths were freshly mulched, features routinely fixed, grass always mowed, water tanks always filled, the list goes on. I personally have never seen children walking through the park to get to the gate by Grandview Apartments. If you want a path for kids to the apartments, there's got to be a better option than to take away from the dog park. "In perpetuity" has to mean something. In my opinion, removing the high value chunks of the park for paths goes against remaining a park.