

PRC 05/14/2020

Item Not on Agenda – Dog  
off Leash Area

Written Communications

**From:** [Raj Avasarala](#)  
**To:** [Neesha Tambe](#); [Gopal Kumarappan](#); [Xiangchen Xu](#); [Helene Davis](#); [Carol Stanek](#); [City of Cupertino Parks and Recreation Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Cupertino Recreation and Community Services](#); [Raj Avasarala](#)  
**Subject:** Jollyman DOLA: Feedback and Requests  
**Date:** Sunday, March 8, 2020 5:58:14 PM

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Dear Cupertino Parks and Recreation Commissioners,

First of all, I would like to thank you for the fantastic and ground breaking work you have done, to enable the Cupertino community and their dogs the opportunity to use our local resources equitably, by approving a 10 month trial for the Dogs off-leash Area two hours a day in Jollyman Park. I and my dog(s) are an avid user of this facility and we love it.

I have 6 year old lab retriever. She looks forward to meeting her friends every day during this time. During the social interaction between the dogs in the 2 hour off leash time, she releases all her pent-up energy. This keeps her physically and mentally healthy.

It would also be great if a dog water fountain could be installed in the off-leash area.

Finally, I am sorry I could not attend the March Parks and Recreation meeting where an update on this project was discussed. I would like to request you to please make this trial a permanent feature of the park. In fact, I would highly encourage that this should be expanded to other Cupertino parks, as well. That way the population of 11,600+ dogs in Cupertino will all have "time based" access to our wonderful parks.

I plan to attend the June meeting for the final trial readout.

Thank you,  
Raj Avasarala

**From:** [Sayuri Nishimura](#)  
**To:** [Neesha Tambe](#); [Gopal Kumarappan](#); [Xiangchen Xu](#); [Helene Davis](#); [Carol Stanek](#); [City of Cupertino Parks and Recreation Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Cupertino Recreation and Community Services](#); [Kiran Kavoori](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Jollyman DOLA: Feedback and Requests  
**Date:** Sunday, March 8, 2020 5:43:08 PM

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Dear Cupertino Parks and Recreation Commissioners,

I am sorry I could not attend the March Parks and Recreation meeting where an update on this project was discussed. I had an occasional cough which had started several days before. Given the recent coronavirus situation, I decided not to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion on the issue.

I am one of many happy dog owners that visit Jollyman DOLA regularly. Before becoming an avid user of Jollyman DOLA, I had visited many nearby dog parks or dog-friendly parks including those in neighboring cities like Sunnyvale, and San Jose.

Jollyman park is not the nearest park from my home. Mary Avenue Dog Park is closer. Still I go to Jollyman, not Mary Avenue Dog Park. The reason is because my dog is happier at Jollyman. The keyword here is "happy". If my dog is not happy, there is no point for me to go there.

Let me address two points that people may have concerns against DOLA with.

1. Risk of dog being off-leash

If people think that off-leash dog means risk, then I think that having a well-marked area/hours would make the risk more manageable.

If you ask any dog owner if he/she has ever let the dog play off-leash in places other than the backyard or dog runs, the majority would answer yes. It may imply that dog owners find facilities that would make their dogs happy are not readily available. Given the reality, if we have DOLA, more dog owners may choose to come to DOLA instead of letting their dogs off-leash elsewhere. It might even help reducing dog incidents rather than increasing.

2. Conflict to other activities

I did not see many other activities in the fields near DOLA at DOLA hours.

We could add the wording on the DOLA signs and say that anybody who want to have an activity near DOLA at DOLA hours, you could contact the following number to discuss and resolve any issue or conflict.

I intend to attend the June meeting where the final trial readout will be.

I would like to request that you could arrange the order of the agenda so that issues that would likely take longer be discussed after the issues that would take less.

Thank you and with kind regards,

Sayuri Nishimura

**From:** [Uparkar Bhushan](#)  
**To:** [Neesha Tambe](#); [Gopal Kumarappan](#); [Xiangchen Xu](#); [Helene Davis](#); [Carol Stanek](#); [City of Cupertino Parks and Recreation Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Cupertino Recreation and Community Services](#); [REDACTED]; [Prerana Uparkar](#)  
**Subject:** Jollyman DOLA: Feedback and Requests  
**Date:** Friday, March 6, 2020 8:31:42 PM

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Dear Cupertino Parks and Recreation Commissioners

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I like this place as its close from my house and surrounded by lush green grass. I use the park almost 6 days a week and my dog, Roman has lot of friends in this park. It would be great. if we could get water fountain near DOLA.

Finally, I am sorry I could not attend the March Parks and Recreation meeting where an update on this project was discussed (or I attended but did not stay as it was very late). I would like to request you to please make this trial a permanent feature of the park. In fact, I would highly encourage that this should be expanded to other Cupertino parks, as well. That way the population of 11,600+ dogs in Cupertino will all have "time based" access to our wonderful parks.

I intend to attend the June meeting where the final trial readout will be, but I request that you discuss our agenda first, so we can speak earlier and not have to stay till midnight.

Thank you and with kind regards,

Bhushan Uparkar  
Prerana Uparkar

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Faith is the bird that sings when the dawn is still dark.

**From:** [Deepa Mahendraker](#)  
**To:** [Neesha Tambe](#); [Gopal Kumarappan](#); [Xiangchen Xu](#); [Helene Davis](#); [Carol Stanek](#); [City of Cupertino Parks and Recreation Commission](#)  
**Cc:** [Cupertino Recreation and Community Services](#); [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Jollyman DOLA: Feedback and Requests  
**Date:** Friday, March 6, 2020 11:04:19 AM

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Myself, my husband and my 7 year old Golden Baby (named ACE), love to go there DAILY. **\*EVERY\* \*SINGLE\* \*DAY\***, rain or shine. We carry a communal water bowl and a big bottle of water for all our thirsty four legged friends, and settle down for 45 minutes to an hour of unparalleled fun. We catch up with our neighbors, complain about bosses, talk about family lives, exchange notes on the politics and COVID19. A thriving, growing family of dog lovers community making instant bonds and connections! Needless to say, it is the highlight of our day and our dogs' day.

Finally, I am sorry I could not attend the March Parks and Recreation meeting where an update on this project was discussed. I would like to request you to please make this trial a permanent feature of the park. In fact, I would highly encourage that this should be expanded to other Cupertino parks, as well. That way the population of 11,600+ dogs in Cupertino will all have "time based" access to our wonderful parks. I DO NOT WANT DOLA TO STOP AFTER JULY 31. Please find an interim solution, while you work towards a permanent plan so there is no break in our routine. It is hard to tell a Dog why we can't go to the park any more (or worse: to go and be out of compliance with the park rules).

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Thank you and with kind regards  
Deepa Mahendraker (I VOTED!)

BCC: Jollyman-dog-group alias as FYI.

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Item #4 Rancho Rinconada  
Recreation & Park District

Written Communications

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**From:** Jon Robert Willey <JWilley@cupertino.org>

**Sent:** Saturday, March 21, 2020 1:46 PM

**To:** Sophia Badillo Rancho Pool Board Reform [REDACTED]; sandra yeaton [REDACTED]; Randy Schwartz <RandyS@cupertino.org>; Deborah L. Feng <DebF@cupertino.org>

**Subject:** Re: Rancho rinconada Balance sheet off by 2 million dollars but still passed by current board members

Hello Sophia and Sandra,

Thank you for the e-mail and information and I am forwarding this to the Parks and Rec director, Randy Schwartz, who would be the right person to review it and to decide if actions are needed, which could include bringing it to the City Council.

Stay safe and follow the shelter guidance,  
Jon



**Jon Robert Willey**

Council Member

City Council

JWilley@Cupertino.org

408-777-3193



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**From:** Sophia Badillo Rancho Pool Board Reform <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** sandra yeaton <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Jon Robert Willey <[JWilley@cupertino.org](mailto:JWilley@cupertino.org)>; Xiangchen Xu <[Xxu@cupertino.org](mailto:Xxu@cupertino.org)>; Gopal Kumarappan <[gkumarappan@cupertino.org](mailto:gkumarappan@cupertino.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: Rancho rinconada Balance sheet off by 2 million dollars but still passed by current board members

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Interesting points Sandy.

A forensic audit needs to be done.

Financial Audits were full of inconsistencies and still passed.

The fact that Jordan had bank access for over 4 years but board member Pat Bustamante did not during her tenure needs further investigation.

I understand him having access when being a current board member. However he should not have had his name on the bank accounts especially when he was not an active board member but making a bid to work for the district.

Technically, Jordan was the sole bidder for changing board policy at a Jan 2019 meeting, had his 20k proposal on the agenda and still had his name on some Rancho bank accounts during this time.

This seems like a major conflict and security issue.

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A forensic audit could delve into **what current systems and processes the Rancho district is using, how effectively and securely they are working and what could be better.** The city of Cupertino, the parks and recs department, and the Rancho residents can have more information to make the right decision about the district's future and make sure the Rancho District's assets, including finances, are properly maintained and secure.



Sophia

On Mon, Mar 16, 2020, 11:14 AM sandra yeaton [REDACTED] wrote:

I would also like to add that on their latest meeting agenda the auditor who did the audit for 2019 was supposed to be at the february or march meeting. The March meeting was canceled. I thought that was interesting. They are operating so under the radar that it is almost impossible to know what is going on there anymore. I do walk by there on my daily walk and there is no one there much of the time. Apparently they are writing policy according to the meeting agendas and minutes. lipstick and bandaids. Also, the person who wanted 20,000. for writing policy as a political consultant was appointed to the board in August as a temporary board member. I guess he's writing policy for gratis now. He shouldn't be getting paid beyond 100. stipend for meetings as a government official. Who knows how that works? The meetings are no longer recorded, and if you read the minutes to these meetings it's not clear what goes on. It's business as usual with no accountability or oversight.

sandra

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**From:** Sophia Badillo Rancho Pool Board Reform [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 16, 2020 10:51 AM  
**To:** Jon Robert Willey <[JWilley@cupertino.org](mailto:JWilley@cupertino.org)>; [xxu@cupertino.org](mailto:xxu@cupertino.org) <[xxu@cupertino.org](mailto:xxu@cupertino.org)>; [gkumarappan@cupertino.org](mailto:gkumarappan@cupertino.org) <[gkumarappan@cupertino.org](mailto:gkumarappan@cupertino.org)>  
**Subject:** Rancho rinconada Balance sheet off by 2 million dollars but still passed by current board members

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<b>Balance Sheet Discrepancies</b>	<b>1,117,091</b>	<b>1,049,292</b>
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Balance sheet not balanced by over 2 million dollars:

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**A balance sheet should balance and this one clearly does not and should not have been passed by the board.**

For it to be a "balance sheet," the assets = liabilities + equity.

This balance sheet off by more than a million dollars for each month of Dec 2018 and Nov 2018.

This is more than a rounding error.

**A forensic audit strongly needs to be ordered by Cupertino.**

**Companies will do forensic audits before mergers and acquisitions as part of due diligence.**

**Rancho residents also deserve a forensic audit since a former Rancho board member was on the bank accounts for over 4 years after resigning.**

**This is a serious security breach.**

Once again, a forensic audit needs to be done as part of due diligence so that the city of Cupertino and the Rancho residents can make a proper assessment of how the Rancho Rinconada district can properly and effectively allocate its resources and serve the community.

I've done hundreds of hours of research when I was a board member and as a concerned citizen and discovered these inconsistencies. The next step is to have them professionally investigated.

Thanks Jon and Minna and Gopal for serving the community.

Best regards.

Fellow Rancho resident,

Sophia Badillo

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