Proposed Pilot Urban Dog Park in Ellsworth Park

Summary of Comments and Questions from the Public Meeting held OCT 30, 2013
M-NCPPC - Montgomery Regional Office (MRO) Auditorium
8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910

- Concern that this will be a smaller dog park than Wheaton.
- Will M-NCPPC be able to divvy available space into a small and large area.
- Many in the audience seem to be in favor of a small and large dog area
- How about hours of use based on size of animal
- How about 2 dog parks
- Why not use the large area north of the park house?
- What is to become of the Silver Spring Library?
- Whatever is built here should be compatible
- Maybe an intergenerational center
- What about tennis court conversion into the dog park? People already run their dogs there
- What about parking if the library changes use?
- Will the dog park meet ADA guidelines?
- Is the Park House occupied?
- Speed limit on Colesville? Additional barriers will be needed for safety.
- Cornerstone Montgomery- any change to the residents at the park house would be a big impact. We’d have to fundraise for years and need a lot of time to relocate.
- Did you look at sites in South Silver Spring
- Ellsworth Urban Park is a great location for a Dog Park
- Licensing Rules? Will be posted and enforced by Park Police.
- Why were the fees abolished
- Two entrances/exits in case a dog needs to get away
- Artificial surfaces retain urine and make dogs smelly
- Hard Surfaces cause injury
- How about a keypad entry system that requires owners to have a entry number provided upon registering dogs with the County as a way of insuring the dogs have their proper vaccinations/registration?
- Consult with vets about health hygiene
- What about South Silver Spring?
- Will we have to rely on the Blairs?
- Don’t let perfect (site) be the enemy of the good (site).
- Concerns about the Jesup Blair Historic site
- Lights needed to extent hours before and after the work day
- Make sure to use population data
- Keep the data driven planning going
- Small dog area
- Trash cans need cleaning more often than Wheaton
- Keep water on in winter