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To: [Public Comment](#)
Subject: MAX BAER DOG PARK
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Since I am unable to attend the September 30th Board meeting, I would like to submit these public comments regarding Max Baer Dog Park:

I and my dog, along with our friends, have been daily visitors to this dog park for many years. This summer, and especially lately, there have been issues. Sometimes if Eric is there we will let him know about things - the faucet was broken, the service gate needed adjusting so small dogs can't get out, and he immediately took care of things.

But this summer the park would go for weeks without being watered resulting in a field of low dry weeds (but the crew would still show up to mow, even though there was no growth to maintain). When we would ask any crew working there why there was no watering, they would tell us they are concentrating on watering the fields for sporting events like the Little League World Series.

As Livermore property owners and LARPD tax payers and voters, we find this objectionable. We understand you want to present the best facilities for these events, but what about us? We aren't in a drought year, so why can't both happen? Don't we deserve nice grounds as much as anyone else who uses the park?

On September 14th, we were there when dirt was delivered as part of the Community Service projects on 9/19 (to fill holes in the field). Great idea!

But then on Tuesday, September 15th, we arrived to find the park locked with a sign saying "closed for maintenance". No effective dates, so phone number to get more info, and no one there working on the park.

I called 925-373-5700 to get more information, got a recording, so left a message with my phone number. No one ever called me back.

Same thing Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, no one there doing anything. A friend called twice during that time, and finally got a call back. She was told the park would open at noon on Saturday.

We were there on Friday when it was unlocked at around noon.

My point being, we can't get information, we're lucky if someone calls us back, and most importantly, the park was closed with no work going on.

The park is now being watered, it's really green, but now no one is mowing it (hopefully tomorrow?). I would have thought that would have been part of the plan during the week of "maintenance" but no. It gets mowed when it isn't needed when you don't water, but isn't getting mowed when necessary.

We love this park; this is our social gathering place for us and our dogs. All we ask for is some maintenance, and providing basic information and customer service to your constituents.

Well, we would love a real restroom instead of a porta potty, but I'll let that go for now!

Sincerely,

Peggy Hughes

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