

Correspondance on Building an Animal Shelter in Buehler Park – April 14, 2014

RE: Animal Shelter / Buehler Park

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To

Tom Sager

Message body

Certainly open for suggestions Tom. We are tasked with finding three locations for a possible new site for an Animal Shelter. Funding will be tough enough without having to buy property so we're just exploring options on park/public properties. Personally I don't necessarily see a publicly run animal shelter as being an inconsistent use as a public park. Parks frequently have public structures, restrooms, concession stands, storage areas, senior facilities, rec centers, composting facilities and the like. Dog parks in particular are a growing trend across the country so I think it could be an interesting mixed-use. Ironically in many of the new Shelters being constructed the facilities have meeting facilities, accommodate volunteer programs and even host kids' birthday parties – and if animal adoption rates increase as a result we hope to see both pets and owners enjoying parks and green space! Thanks for giving it some thought,

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From: Tom Sager [<mailto:yushasager@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 5:00 PM

To: John Butz

Subject: Animal Shelter / Buehler Park

Hi John:

I've been thinking for a week how best to respond to your comment in council last Monday on this issue.

The City of Rolla is under a court order enjoining it "from taking action that is inconsistent with the property [Buehler Park]'s use as a public park."

I don't see how use as an animal shelter could be considered consistent with "use as a public park."

I'd be happy to work with the City on finding a more appropriate location for an animal shelter.

Best wishes,

Tom

From: John Butz <jbutz@rollacity.org>
To: Tom Sager <yushasager@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2014 3:24 PM
Subject: Animal Shelter

Tom,

Kind of a crazy idea but we are beginning to make plans to replace the old animal pound on Sharp Rd. Council asked if we considered any Parks rather than buying property. Dawned on me w/ the location, access and visibility Buehler Park might make a great location for the new Animal Shelter – the back half of the property of course. Could possibly tie in with a bit of a “dog park facility” – again on the back half. Any gut reactions to that idea?

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