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Best,
Hal

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Sincerely,

Peg Selover

Carlsbad, CA 92011
(Carlsbad Voter)

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Don't let anything dull your sparkle!!!
Sheila Cobian

From: Megan Woolsey <meganwoolley@me.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:15 AM  
To: City Clerk  
Subject: Village H Off leash Trail Use  

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Sincerely,

Megan Woolsey  
Carlsbad Voter

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From: Melissa Furioli <melissa.furioli@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:16 AM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Village H Off-Leash Trail Use

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Thank you so much,
Melissa Furioli

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Thank you for your attention and consideration. We miss our walks there with our dog.

-Don Howard

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Sincerely, David and Susan Scheirman, Carlsbad voters
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I would like my comments read at the meeting today. See previous email. Susan Scheirman
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City Clerk,

Please read these comments below into the record for # 10 on April 14, 2020.

I will speak on items 2-3 of Preserve Calavera’s handout.

Thank you,
Karen Merrill
Preserve Calavera

Subject: # 10 Village H-Off-leash Hybrid Proposal-Carlsbad City Council-April 14, 2020

Honorable Mayor and Council members,

Please read my comments into the record as the 2nd of 3 speakers on behalf of Preserve Calavera.

I am addressing items # 2 and 3 on our Preserve Calavera handout. We see no reason to construct a parking lot for what is intended to be a neighborhood amenity. The intent is to accommodate the area residents, not invite visitors from some distance to drive there. We are supposed to be reducing auto trips and the air quality and GHG impacts that result from unnecessary driving. This project is a one-of-a-kind effort and should not be required to provide the same amenities as a formal dog park. Save the tax payer’s money and remove the parking lot from this project.

We believe there is justification for restricted nighttime use at Village H South as well. We know this corridor is already below minimum width requirements. Studies show wildlife adjust to human presence by shifting to nighttime travel. We know that wildlife use this corridor and your HMP manager provided a February 2020 Update on Village H Wildlife Movement and Dog Waste Studies and I quote:

“The presence of people and dogs, such as along heavily used trails, can also restrict or deter wildlife movement through avoidance of an area or behavioral changes, including limiting movement to nighttime hours.”

There is ample justification for use restrictions here. Staff can recommend use hours for the gated off-leash dog area and council should impose nighttime restrictions for the remainder of the trails at Village H South.

Karen Merrill

On Behalf of Preserve Calavera
-----Original Message-----
From: Jasanna Maher <jasannawalt@me.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 7:49 PM
To: City Clerk <Clerk@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: Village H comments

We would like this read into record for the City Council Meeting on 4/14/20

Hello City Council,

The staff report includes a 20 car parking lot and restrooms for Village H. This will attract people from other cities and it will no longer be a small local use area. The locals will be courteous and respect the park but people from other areas might not. We live next to the park and have never seen more than 4 or 5 cars parked there and do not see the need for a parking lot. We agree with Preserve Calavera’s report.

As Village H is our backyard it is of great concern to us that there will be a chain link fence and a dog park just several feet from our backyard.
A dog park means a lot of dogs barking all day long.

We request that before any decision is made the staff and city council come to our home and view the potential dog park from our perspective and the other residents who will be affected.

Sincerely,

Walt Meier
Jasanna Maher

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Subject: FW: AB # 10- Village H off Leash Dogs by Preserve Calavera
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From: Diane Nygaard <dnygaard3@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:43 PM
To: City Clerk <Clerk@carlsbadca.gov>
Subject: AB # 10- Village H off Leash Dogs by Preserve Calavera

City Clerk

Please read these comments below into the record for # 10 on April 14, 2020.

If possible we would appreciate it if the three commenters for Preserve Calavera could be heard in order # 1- Paige deCino (sent on April 8th) , # 2 Karen Merrill (to be sent shortly) and # 3 Diane Nygaard.

Attached is also a handout that goes with these three comments. It is my understanding that you will distribute the handout to the Mayor and Council prior to this item being considered.

Thank you,
Diane

Honorable Mayor and Council

It has been so heartwarming to see the images from the wildlife study at Village H these last few months! Opening up the undercrossing of Tamarack and reducing the number of offleash dogs has already made such a difference. Its like someone put up a sign-" here is your wildlife corridor" - and they have all read it.

Please- we cannot go backwards. If off leash dogs are added back into the mix it needs to be done very carefully, while monitoring the results and reporting back on what has been happening.

We worked for so many years to fix this pinpoint in the regional wildlife movement corridor. Now we are asking for your help to make sure those gains are not lost. If you think it is better to ignore the science and allow off leash dogs-please add the 4 conditions in our handout to make sure the damage is minimized : designate the remainder of the site as hardline open space, put the parking lot on hold until conditions justify it, restrict people and dog use at night, and monitor and report on results.

With these important changes we can all hope the wildlife will still be able to read the signs and know that they are welcome here.

Diane Nygaard
On behalf of Preserve Calavera

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If the City Council decides to move forward with this pilot project for off-leash dogs at Village H we all want to make sure this is done in a way that protects the function of the wildlife movement corridor, allows multiple users of this public space, and is considerate of nearby neighbors and costs.

We propose the following modifications to make sure that the wildlife corridor function is protected, while other stakeholder concerns are also considered:

1. Formally designate the land used for, and critical for wildlife movement as HMP hardline open space.

Part of the area used by wildlife is shown as “Sensitive habitat outside preserve area” and part is “Non-sensitive habitat open space.” Neither of these designations ensure the area adequately protects wildlife movement through this compromised link between two core areas of the Habitat Management Plan. This parcel tied for 2nd place in ranking of 16 parcels recommended for acquisition by the Citizen’s Open Space Committee and adopted by the City Council in 2009. Its permanent protection as natural open space is even more important today than it was then. Of course, today the land is not all high-quality native habitat. But neither of these proposed designations ensure this area will be managed to protect the core biological function: the connection of the regional wildlife movement corridor.

Changing its designation to “Sensitive habitat with restrictive use (i.e. HMP hardline preserve) “will provide that protection and is consistent with years of planning to protect the natural lands of Carlsbad.

2. Put parking lot on hold

We have never seen more than 4-5 cars parked -even when extensive on-line efforts were being used to call attention to this as an off-leash dog area. The adjacent street can accommodate that number, without adding any parking. Today, as we all work to reduce auto trips, we need to stop incentivizing cars by providing “free” parking everywhere- that we all pay for. Taxpayers will pay to build and maintain it, and we all get the air quality and GHG impacts. Or we can continue the short-sighted practices of the past and “pave paradise to put up a parking lot.”

3. Restrict nighttime use of entire site.

Hours of use are a discretionary determination by the city. If ever a place justified nighttime use restrictions- this one does. Wildlife studies already show wildlife are altering their behavior to use the area at night. Numerous studies show how important nighttime restrictions are for wildlife- and the adjacent neighbors will appreciate it too. Options are dawn to dusk use, or just restrictions from 10 pm to 6 am as is done with other city parks.

4. Establish monitoring procedure to make sure this works as planned.

This is a new concept. It will be important to monitor how it works- for wildlife, dog owners, and nearby residents. It should be implemented slowly, in phases, while monitoring impacts and adjusting as needed. The initial approvals could be for the entire project. We propose holding the parking lot to Phase 2- and only building it if warranted. Monitoring should be established to assess things like: Are the rules being followed? What level of enforcement is needed to protect the wildlife, users, and adjacent neighbors? Are there adverse impacts on the wildlife? and most importantly- What actions need to be taken to address any problems that are identified?
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