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Camas may be home to new dog park

City is currently seeking community feedback

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Camas may soon open its first off-leash dog park.

Comments are currently being accepted on a proposed site for the park -- six acres of flat, grassy land just west of Goot Park, which is located at Northeast Third Avenue and Zenith Street.

According to Camas Parks and Recreation Board President Brent Erickson, the project would involve a partnership between the city and the "Dog Owners Group for Park Access in Washington." DOGPAW, a Vancouver-based non-profit organization, would construct and provide long-term maintenance of the park, and the city crews would pick up garbage.

"It's a good thing for the community because there are a lot of families in the area who have dogs, but don't have the room to let them run," Erickson said.

In order for the project to happen, the city must be granted permission from the Bonneville Power Administration, which has easement rights to the property. The park would be adjacent to four of the agency's currently existing transmission towers. The City Council would also need to give its approval for Mayor Paul Dennis to sign a partnership agreement with DOGPAW.

Currently, dogs must be kept on a leash in public areas within Camas city limits, including all parks. Erickson, who has been on the parks board for more than 20 years, said the topic of establishing an area where dogs can run free has been mentioned by local citizens many times.

"The request for a dog park has been around for some time -- 10 to 12 years at least," he said. "Now it's come about that we can have one that is centrally located along the Washougal River."

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