

Brigitte Shearer

From: Brigitte Shearer
Sent: Sunday, August 8, 2021 6:00 PM
To: P&R Comm
Subject: Fwd: Oak Knoll Drive Playground

See below.

Please excuse any typos!

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robin Raffard
Date: August 8, 2021 at 7:53:40 PM EDT
To: info@belmontprosplan.com
Cc: Brigitte Shearer <BShearer@belmont.gov>, Jennifer Raffard <jennifer.raffard@gmail.com>
Subject: Oak Knoll Drive Playground

Hello:

We are a family of four living at 1908 Oak Knoll Drive. We strongly support the petition from Henry Lin, to build a playground at the top of Oak Knoll. Our children are two and five years old and love going to the playgrounds. Unfortunately, there is no playground within walking distance of our home so we always need to drive to the park, which we do at least once a week. Having a playground on Oak Knoll would add significantly to our quality of life, removing the need to drive and providing some great exercise and fun to the kids instead of playing inside.

Finally, the space is currently unused and seems to us perfectly appropriate for a little playground.

Thank you very much!
Robin, Jennifer, Audrey, and Xavier Raffard

Brigitte Shearer

From: Jim Miller
Sent: Friday, August 20, 2021 10:29 AM
To: P&R Comm
Cc: Jim Miller
Subject: Please Support Continued Multi-Use Access at Water Dog

Dear Committee Members,

Please support the continued access to Water Dog for multi-use activities including mountain biking.

The community (children and adults alike) benefits from access to the outdoors (exercise, experiencing nature, etc.). Please do not allow a small but loud group of individuals dictate how this community resource can be used. Providing “equitable access”, “inclusion”, supporting a “range of interests... and community health and well-being” are all principles of the Master Plan. To deprive access to mountain bikers or even hikers would be at odds with these principles.

I have hiked and ridden through Water Dog hundreds of times and have never experienced an issue. The proposed “solutions” from his minority group are extreme and would be a net negative to the community.

Please support the broader community and the greater good by supporting continued, multi-use access to Water Dog.

Feel free to call me should have you any questions or if it would be helpful for me to share my and my family’s positive experiences with Water Dog.

Thank you.

Jim Miller