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William Castro
Manhattan Borough Parks Commissioner
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Re: DeWitt Clinton Dog Park resurfacing request

Dear Borough Commissioner Castro:

At Manhattan Community Board 4's (MCB4) September meeting of the Waterfront, Parks and Environment Committee, a presentation was made by a community member and dog park user regarding the condition of the DeWitt Clinton Park Dog Run. By a vote of 42 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions, and 0 present but not eligible at its Full Board meeting on October 7, 2020, the Full Board requests funding to resurface the dog run.

The committee was presented with petitions signed by over 500 users of the park. The surface inside the dog run on the southside of the park is asphalt and several dog owners raised concerns and showed evidence of dogs who were injured after playing in the park from the surface. The committee is not aware the last time the run was resurfaced, but the asphalt is cracked, broken, and presents trip hazards. The surface also harms the dogs' paws, given the rough texture of asphalt. Several other dog run surfaces were cited as better examples, including the Leroy Street Dog Run in Hudson River Park, and several runs on the Upper West Side.

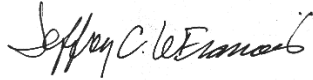
The representative from the Parks Department mentioned that dog runs aren't typically resurfaced or provided funding if there is not an organized group that takes care of the area. At this time, MCB4 is not aware of a formal dog run group for this park, but the committee found this to be unacceptable and requests that funding be provided to resurface the area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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