

DC Ranch Comments to the City – Thompson Peak Park Dog Park

The DC Ranch Community Council is a governing entity that represents 8,000 Scottsdale residents living in DC Ranch. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on the Thompson Peak Park Off-leach Dog Park approved in the 2019 Bond. Feedback from residents on this project has been very positive. The comments below are provided to enhance the use of the park by the DC Ranch community-at-large.

Scottsdale Parks and Recreation staff have done a good job explaining the confines of this site and how that impacts design. Their outreach has been appreciated.

Safety – In addition to the double fenced entries into the cells, ingress/egress from the parking lots to the cells should be divided so that dogs coming and going are separated. This includes the walking bridge.

Surface – Use of any safe and proven surface that lessens the downtime of a cell is encouraged.

Shade – While shade structures must be built along the west side of the cells, the structures should be as large as possible and include some siding to create shade for longer time periods and at various times of the year.

Seating – Benches and/or seating walls should be elevated to eliminate dogs jumping up on those seated.

Ball Toss Area – The larger, 1.5-acre cell, could include a separate area for ball tossing for use by dog owners on a take-turn basis.