

RESOLUTION NO. ____

~~July 16, 2019~~ August 20, 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DOG PARK ON THE FORMER FOSTER REFRIGERATOR SITE

WHEREAS, dog parks have been shown to benefit both dogs and their owners—for dogs, they provide the physical and mental exercise and socialization that decreases troublesome behavior; for dog owners, they provide a gathering place where community members can participate in conversations, form relationships, and exchange community information;

WHEREAS, dog owners of Hudson have sought a dog park for more than a decade;

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2018, Mayor Rick Rector held a “community conversation” about a dog park, at which three potential sites owned by the City of Hudson were reviewed, and there was agreement among all in attendance that the former Foster Refrigerator site, at the corner of Second and Dock streets, a site to be shared with a trail head for the Empire State Trail, was the best choice;

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018, the Common Council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing “the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Hudson River Valley Greenway, the Hudson Parks Conservancy, and stakeholders for a dog park to develop a plan for the design and operation of a dog park and trail head”;

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2019, the Common Council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing “the Mayor to execute the Letter of Understanding with Hudson River Valley Greenway for the trail head to be developed on City owned property”;

- **WHEREAS**, the proponents of the dog park have raised sufficient funds to fence 2.5 acres on the site, creating separate exercise and play areas for large dogs and small dogs (see attached fence layout), and have formed a committee to oversee the governance and maintenance of the dog park and to continue fundraising efforts to provide further amenities for the dog park;

WHEREAS, the proposed site—a remediated brownfield adjacent to a plastics manufacturing plant and the City of Hudson waste water treatment plant—has few other possible uses and is located a considerable distance away from houses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council supports the development of a dog park at this location and authorizes the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hudson Park Conservancy’s Dog Park committee for the construction and governance of the dog park.

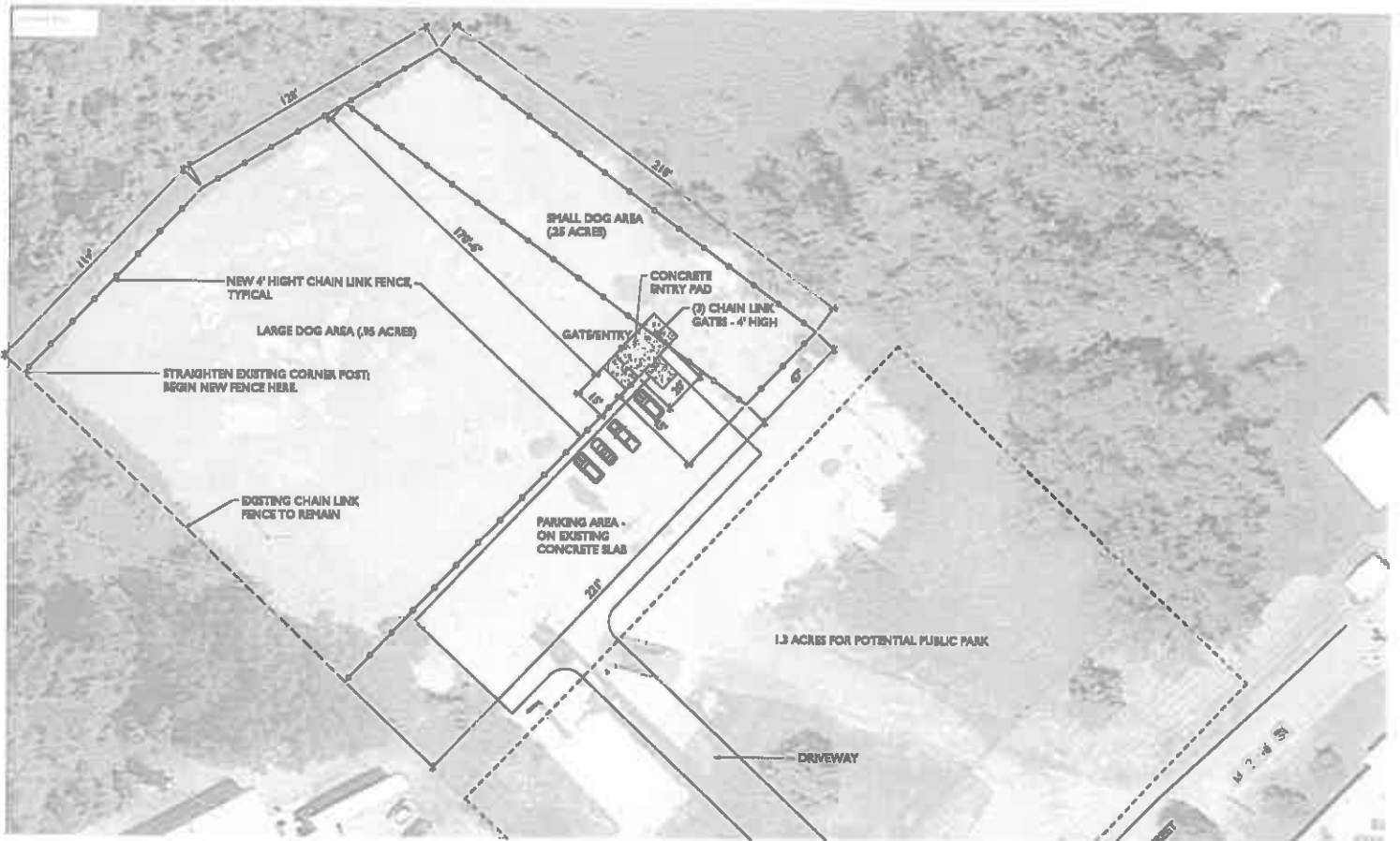
Introduced by _____

Seconded by _____

Approved _____

By _____

Mayor



HUDSON CITY DOG PARK - Fence Layout

JUNE 10, 2019 | SCALE: 1" = 40'

