

PRESERVE PIONEER PARK



A resident committee to keep Pioneer Park
Clean, Green and Serene



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR PRESERVING PIONEER PARK

We, a group of Montgomery citizens working to preserve Pioneer Park, have been collecting petitions from residents who feel as we do that a dog park should not be developed there. As of March 7, 2006, 715 adult residents of Montgomery have expressed their opposition to such a facility in Pioneer Park by signing our petition, which asks you to vote no on this issue. While some additional area residents have signed our petition, we have counted only Montgomery residents since we believe it is we, and we alone, who will be most impacted by the decision in this matter. While interested non-residents and paid staff might suggest ways to improve Montgomery, it is ultimately we, the taxpayers, who pay the bills and face the consequences. A copy of all signatures collected to date has been given to Susan Hamm and they are available for your review.

Although some supporters of the dog park believe that it is only the immediate neighbors of Pioneer Park who are opposed to this development, the fact is that opposition comes from all areas of the city. This map highlights all of the city streets, which are represented in the signed petitions. A copy of this map has also been given to Susan Hamm.

The petition drive will continue for as long as City Council has this matter under consideration, and we will present updates of a minute or less at monthly PARC meetings. The final results will be presented to City Council at an appropriate time.

I wish to point out that a number of people who have been eager to sign our petition are individuals who initially gave YES answers to the city's survey on this proposition. As citizens reflect thoughtfully on the many ways in which taking Pioneer Meadow for the use of the relatively few will negatively impact the many, they increasingly join us in opposition.

We thank you for the time and effort you give to our beautiful city, and respectfully urge you to join us in preserving all of Pioneer Park, not one inch of which is underutilized, especially when one has the vision to appreciate the beauty of an unfenced meadow.