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Friends group of potential West Roxbury dog park to form next week

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By Matt Rocheleau, Town Correspondent

A meeting next week hosted by City Councilor Matt O'Malley will work to form a friends group to help choose a location for a possible dog park in West Roxbury and later manage the proposed space.

The gathering will be the second O'Malley has hosted to discuss his idea, [announced earlier this summer](#), for a potentially creating a dog park in the neighborhood. The meeting is scheduled for Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Roche Community Center on Centre Street.

At a standing-room-only gathering last month, [controversy about the idea](#) stemmed over whether creating a designated area for dogs to run off-leash might lead to a crackdown on leash law enforcement at the 100-acre Millennium Park, which O'Malley has said would be an "ideal location."

Last fall, an encounter between an unleashed dog and a trainer at Millennium Park revived talks about turning part of the space into a dog park.

Those interested in serving as an officer or board member of the friends group must be a dog owner and a West Roxbury resident. Anyone can be a member of the group.

The councilor has established a [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#) that can be used as another forum for discussion and will be updated with news related to discussions of a potential dog park in the neighborhood.

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