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Dog Park planning meeting set March 31

A planning meeting for Jonesboro's proposed Dog Park in Craighead Forest Park will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 31, in City Council chambers at the downtown Municipal Building, 300 S. Church St. The public is invited.

Architectural drawings created and donated by Jim Little of Little and Associates will be available for viewing. Dog owners will also be able to interact and discuss ways to fund the park, estimated to cost \$150,000 or more.

"We know dog parks are a quality of life issue in other progressive cities, and Jonesboro is eager to provide its residents with a place to let their four-legged friends run and play without the constraints of a leash," Jonesboro Mayor Harold Perrin said.

Parks and Recreation Director Wixson Huffstetler said he has heard many voices advocating a dog park and wants to provide them with a first-class facility.

"We feel confident we can raise the amount needed," Huffstetler said. "I think \$150,000 is a minimum amount, but we are looking for a title sponsor and a way for donors to purchase bricks with their names, or the names of their pets, to put in the park."

The proposed location is on Access Road 6 in Craighead Forest Park, a five-acre lot directly across Fort Rotary and within view of the lake. A restroom area is located conveniently nearby.

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