

October 11, 2022

Michael Lange  
Planning & Construction at Chicago Park District  
541 North, Fairbanks Ct.  
Chicago, IL 60611



Dear Mr. Lange,

The *Amundsen Athletics Foundation (AAF)* representatives attended the *Winnemac Park Advisory Committees'* meeting in coordination with the *Chicago Park District* on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 where there was discussion surrounding the TIF improvements projects with many of the stakeholder representatives in attendance. We appreciate the effort of bringing together all the different groups to discuss aspects of the projects such as the improvements to the field that includes Turf infield and drainage solutions; refurbishing of the West tennis court; and discussion surrounding the Dog Friendly Area.

As per your directives, each group represented was tasked to submit a letter specifically to define their stance of having a Dog Friendly Area situated in Winnemac Park. The *Amundsen Athletic Foundation's* stance is that the foundation is in opposition of the DFA to be located in the East Tennis Courts of Winnemac Park as is noted in the current project submission to the city council. The AAF has been advocating for that space instead to be refurbished for school and student use and for future use of a tennis team or club for Amundsen Athletics as well as for the community at large. The AAF would also like to clearly state that we are also in opposition to having a DFA situated in a different area of the park as there is not an ideal location where there wouldn't be some kind of proximity to students and athletic activities in and around the park. AAF is always making sure we advocate for our student athletes and space can sometimes be at a premium with so many activities in and around Winnemac Park.

We welcome and appreciate your commitment to working with all groups to continue in these conversations and find the best possible outcome for all involved.

Sincerely,

*Amundsen Athletics Foundation*