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COUNCIL MEETING NOTES:

50 Pet Owners Defend Dog Park

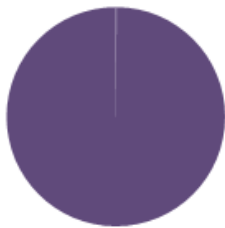
When it was time for members of the public to speak, fifty dog owners stood at the microphone. Each asked the council to vote yes.

A few people spoke against the resolution. They did not want the Council to spend money. They said that a dog park was not essential and would not be used by everyone.

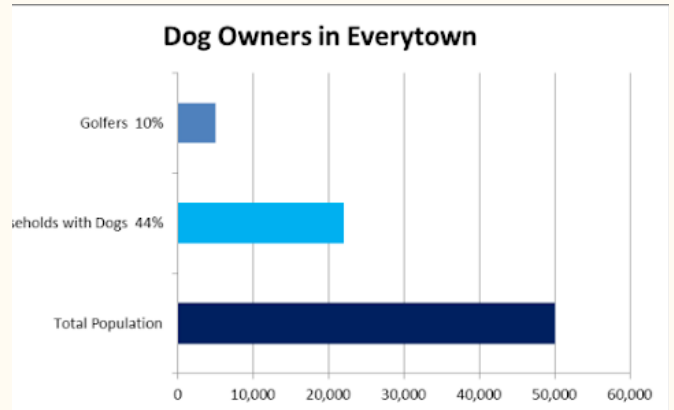
Council member Jerome Tompkins showed this chart to explain his “no” vote. Everytown has 50,000 citizens. Even though 50 of them spoke in favor tonight, they are only a tiny fraction of all the people in our town.

Council member Dari Dominga presented her own chart to show why she would vote “yes.”

People at meeting in favor of dog park: .1%



Purple: Everytown’s total population
Light purple: the number of dog owners who spoke at the meeting.



The chart showed that nearly half of all households in the town had dogs. “In contrast,” she said, “Only ten percent of residents play golf, but we have a golf course. If we can support a golf course that is used for only ten percent of the people, then we can support a dog park.”

Tompkins countered that not every dog owner would use the dog park, and people who use the golf course pay a fee to play.

In the final vote, the dog park was approved, with nine members voting in favor and two opposed.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:
October 18 at 7pm