Fleet Peeples Park poses hazards to our health
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Before taking up a vote on Fleet Peeples Park on July 13, Winter Park Mayor Ken Bradley congratulated Lakes Division Manager Tim Egan for his work keeping our lakes and waterways clean, and he said if it's on the ground, it's going to end up in the lake.

The mayor then voted with commissioners Phil Anderson and Karen Diebel in favor of a park plan that could attract hundreds of dogs a day to the shores of Lake Baldwin and would result in the concentrated deposit of fecal matter on the ground and directly in the water.

Their plan and current use of Fleet Peeples Park create environmental and health hazards to our community; contradict the recommendations of city staff and the majority of the Parks and Recreation Commission; and disregard the concerns of many residents and qualified experts.

Ah yes, let's not forget the ensuing debate by the City Commission over the cost and location of a new restroom for humans at the same park, while their canine companions are free to do as nature calls. We may not be able to make everybody happy, but common sense should always be our guide.

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