

**DOG PARK ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 12, 2018
3:00 P.M.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cohen called the Regular Meeting of the Dog Park Advisory Group of the City of Laguna Woods to order at 3:04 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

ADVISORY GROUP: PRESENT: Cohen, Drauden, Prater, Sanchez
 ABSENT: Hall, Klampert

STAFF: PRESENT: City Manager Macon, Deputy City Clerk Trippy,
 Maintenance Programs Analyst Baumgarten

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Cohen led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. ADVISORY GROUP BUSINESS

5.1 Advisory Group Minutes

Moved by Member Drauden, seconded by Member Prater, and carried unanimously on a 4-0 vote with members Hall and Klampert absent, to approve the Dog Park Advisory Group meeting minutes for the regular meeting on April 10, 2018.

5.2 “A Place for Paws” Dog Park Relocation Project

City Manager Macon made a presentation and responded to related questions on the “A Place for Paws” Dog Park Relocation Project, which included a review of the project timeline, the status of construction bidding and contracting, and budget information. City Manager Macon noted that on May 31, 2018, the City Council approved a supplemental appropriation of \$170,000, which increased the total project budget to \$495,000.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group inquired as to the impact of construction on use

of the existing dog park parking lot.

City Manager Macon responded that the contractor's use of the parking lot will be limited. Access west of the parking lot will not be possible due to the location of construction.

City Manager Macon stated that staff is actively exploring concepts for the second phase of the Dog Park Relocation Project, including a separate small/timid dog area. On June 20, 2018, staff will recommend that the City Council appropriate initial design funding as part of the adoption of a capital improvement program and budget adjustments.

5.3 Umbrella Selections for the Dog Park

City Manager Macon explained that this item was included on the agenda due to interest expressed by members of the Dog Park Advisory Group at the April 10, 2018 meeting.

City Manager Macon made a presentation and responded to related questions on umbrella selections for the dog park and solicited input on colors thereof. City Manager Macon noted that on April 10, 2018, the members of the Dog Park Advisory Group were of general consensus in support of umbrellas without tilt adjustment features. The members of the Dog Park Advisory Group reaffirmed their support for umbrellas without tilt adjustment features and were of general consensus in support of pacific blue, followed by forest green, for umbrella colors.

5.4 Dog Park Rules and Regulations

City Manager Macon explained that this item was included on the agenda due to interest expressed by members of the Dog Park Advisory Group at the April 10, 2018 meeting.

City Manager Macon made a presentation and responded to related questions on the current draft of proposed dog park rules and regulations, as well as a tentative schedule for the City Council's consideration of the same.

With a goal of promoting safety, the members of the Dog Park Advisory Group reaffirmed their support for the prohibition of strollers; were of general consensus to propose the inclusion of a requirement that all dogs using the dog park be spayed or neutered; and, were of general consensus in support of prohibiting spike collars, but allowing prong collars.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group also discussed the potential of extended hours of operation to facilitate use of the dog park by individuals who work during the day.

City Manager Macon advised that extended dog park hours could be considered in the future, but that lighting would have to be addressed before extending hours past dark.

5.5 Fundraising to Support the Dog Park

City Manager Macon requested that the Dog Park Advisory Group (1) provide input to the

Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors on a potential annual “friends of” fundraising program to support the operation and maintenance of the dog park, and (2) provide input to the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors and staff on potential fundraising programs to support the dog park.

Chair Cohen expressed an interest in meeting the members of the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors.

The members of the Dog Park Advisory Group were of general consensus that while a “friends of” fundraising program may be advantageous, other fundraising programs should be promoted first in connection with the dog park’s relocation. If a “friends of” fundraising program is offered in the future, members of the Dog Park Advisory Group suggested not using the terms “membership” or “members” since the dog park is open to the public, and offering something of value to individuals who choose to contribute.

Potential fundraising ideas suggested by members of the Dog Park Advisory Group, and briefly discussed at the meeting, included:

- The placement of a donation box in the dog park for loose change
- “Donation days” where donations are solicited at the dog park or other public areas
- The sale of coupon books with discounts to local businesses
- The sale of a calendar – members discussed the possibility of selling both calendars and the inclusion of dog pictures and birthdays thereon
- The sale of dog park-branded tags, collars, leashes, t-shirts, and blankets – members suggested that, if offered for sale, leashes be of a flat nylon, six-foot variety
- Business sponsor advertising in the dog park
- Memorial plaques and/or tiles of varying sizes
- Raffles/opportunity drawings and silent auctions

The members of the Dog Park Advisory Group discussed the potential for a “founders wall” fundraising program and were of general consensus in support of the same, as well as contribution levels of \$50, \$100, \$150, and \$250. City Manager Macon advised that the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors will consider a potential “founders wall” fundraising program at their next meeting on July 10, 2018.

5.6 Future Advisory Group Agenda Items

City Manager Macon reviewed the list of future Dog Park Advisory Group agenda items that was provided on the agenda.

VI. ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER COMMENTS – None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods,

CA 92637.

Other 2018 Regular Meetings:

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 3 p.m.


Laguna Woods City Hall

24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California 92637

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 3 p.m.

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YOLIE TRIPPY, Secretary

Approved: August 14, 2018



DAVID COHEN, Chair