

**DOG PARK ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 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 3:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: -

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 Chair Cohen, seconded by Member Drauden, and carried unanimously on a 6-0 vote, to approve the Dog Park Advisory Group meeting minutes for the regular meeting on June 12, 2018.

5.2 Dog Park Rules and Regulations

City Manager Macon noted that on July 18, 2018, the City Council held a public hearing and introduced and approved the first reading of an ordinance that would adopt new dog park rules and regulations. The second reading and consideration of adoption is scheduled for the City Council meeting on August 15, 2018. The requirement for dogs to be spayed and neutered, with the exception of service dogs under applicable law, was included.

5.3 “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 the status of construction, a review of the project timeline, and conceptual information regarding a future phase two to include a separate timid dog area. Modifications to phase one plans and related effects on the project timeline were also discussed, including the installation of an additional gate, improved odor control materials, larger trees, and parking lot improvements.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group inquired about and discussed the following:

- The number of handicap spaces serving the new dog park. – Staff advised that two accessible parking spaces will be provided.
- The potential for relocating large rocks from near the driveway entry to the parking lot. – Staff advised that the suggestion will be considered.
- The use of herbicides and pesticides. – Staff advised that the City does not allow its maintenance contractor to use herbicides or pesticides within the dog park.
- Efforts to reduce flies and feces-related turf staining in the new dog park. – Staff advised that the new dog park will include newer and more advanced turf and odor control materials than are used in the existing dog park.
- The size of the new dog park. – Staff advised that the turf area will be approximately 6,400 square feet with additional landscape, walkway, and drainage areas.
- Seating options in the new dog park. – Staff advised that both fixed (bench and table-type) and moveable seating will be provided.

5.4 Grand Opening Celebration

City Manager Macon shared information regarding grand opening celebrations for dog parks in other cities and requested input on the type of celebration that the City might host for the new dog park.

The members of the Dog Park Advisory Group were of general consensus that free food should not be offered and that the celebration should be fairly low-key, generally consisting of a ribbon cutting and brief remarks. Information should be provided to attendees on future dog park improvements, the Founders Wall, and dog park rules. Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group also suggested offering dog photography and vendor booths for businesses that contributed to the Founders Wall.

5.5 Fundraising to Support the Dog Park

City Manager Macon noted that the Founders Wall fundraising program began on July 19, 2018 and the deadline to contribute is October 31, 2018. As of August 13, 2018, a total of \$950 had been contributed by six individuals (by contribution level: two \$50 contributions, two \$100 contributions, one \$150 contribution, and one \$500 contribution).

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group suggested and discussed the following:

- Staff should make the Founders Wall flyer available in the dog park. – Staff advised

that they would do so.

- Staff should email the Founders Wall flyer to members of the Dog Park Advisory Group to distribute electronically. – Staff advised that they would do so.
- A certificate of recognition should be provided to businesses that contribute to the Founders Wall. – Staff advised that the suggestion will be considered.
- The Founders Wall fundraising program should be promoted through flyers placed at Laguna Woods Village clubhouses and in the *Laguna Woods Globe* newspaper. – Staff advised that the suggestion will be considered.
- Incorporating dog paw impressions into the new dog park could be a fundraising opportunity. – Staff advised that the suggestion will be considered.

5.6 Future Advisory Group Agenda Items

City Manager Macon reviewed and responded to questions regarding the list of future Dog Park Advisory Group agenda items that was provided on the agenda.

VI. ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Sanchez raised concerns regarding vehicles speeding on Ridge Route Drive.

Member Hall commented on a recent public safety incident at the dog park.

Chair Cohen commented on previous dog abandonment-related incidents at the dog park.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

Other 2018 Regular Meetings: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 3 p.m.
Laguna Woods City Hall
24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, California 92637



YOLIE TRIPPY, Secretary

Approved: October 9, 2018



DAVID COHEN, Chair