

**DOG PARK ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 9, 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, Drauden, Hall, 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 Klampert, and carried unanimously on a 6-0 vote, to approve the Dog Park Advisory Group meeting minutes for the regular meeting on August 14, 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 the status of construction, a review of the project timeline, information regarding changes that have been made to Phase 1 (addition of a gate for future connection to Phase 2; tree and water service modifications; addition of deodorizer and anti-microbial/anti-bacterial infill; and, addition of a hose quick coupler and water service modification), information regarding planned parking lot improvements, and the status of Phase 2.

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

- The shade provided in the new dog park. – Staff noted that additional trees will be planted, but that it will take time for those trees to mature.
- Project cost. – Staff advised that the budget for the project is currently \$495,000, including Phase 1 design/construction and Phase 2 preliminary design costs.
- The maintenance schedule for the new dog park. – Staff advised that the majority of regular maintenance activities will occur on Tuesdays between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m., while the dog park is closed. Some daily weekday maintenance will also occur, as well as additional, as-needed maintenance. Staff also provided information on the City's landscape maintenance services request for proposals process.
- Plans for securing the new dog park. – Staff noted that Laguna Woods Village staff will continue to lock and unlock the dog park on a daily basis. The dog park will continue to have six-foot perimeter fences/walls.
- User interest in lighting to allow for expanded hours of operation. – Staff noted that lighting may be considered as a part of future capital improvement projects.

5.3 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 October 5, 2018, a total of \$4,450 had been received from 25 contributors (by contribution level: seven \$50 contributions, nine \$100 contributions, three \$150 contribution, one \$250 contribution, and five \$500 contributions).

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group discussed the status of business fundraising and ways to generate increased interest in the Founders Wall fundraising program.

Chair Cohen noted his plans to appear with Mayor Moore on Laguna Woods Village's This Day television program to discuss the "A Place for Paws" Dog Park Relocation Project and promote the Founders Wall fundraising program.

City Manager Macon stated that the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors is interested in the Dog Park Advisory Group's input on a potential commemorative tile fundraising program, particularly desired price point(s) and installation frequency.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group suggested and discussed the following, related to a potential commemorative tile fundraising program:

- Standardization in size and appearance. – Members expressed a variety of opinions ranging from a preference for standardization in the interest of fabrication ease and uniformity of appearance, to a desire to allow significant levels of customization. A suggestion was made to consider dog paw shapes.
- Fabrication possibilities. – Members suggested exploring a partnership with Laguna Woods Village clubs to use the kiln in Clubhouse 4 to finish tiles.
- Price points. – Members were of general consensus between \$25 and \$100 per tile.

- Materials. – Members suggested that metal or brick could be used in lieu of tiles.
- Promotion. – Members suggested that the grand opening event for the new dog park could be an opportunity to solicit interest in fundraising programs.
- Installation frequency. – Members were of general consensus that the fabrication and installation of tiles could be “batched” on a quarterly basis.

5.4 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

Member Drauden noted his surprise with the response to the Founders Wall fundraising program.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: February 12, 2019



DAVID COHEN, Chair