

**DOG PARK ADVISORY GROUP  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 11, 2018  
3:00 P.M.  
Laguna Woods City Hall  
24264 El Toro Road  
Laguna Woods, California 92637**

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**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 3:05 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

City Manager Macon noted that due to an inadvertent clerical error, while the Dog Park Advisory Group meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 11, 2018 were included in the agenda packet, an agenda item to consider approving the same will be on the February 12, 2019 agenda.

5.1    “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 information regarding the delay in construction, the status of the resumption of construction, a review of the project timeline, and information regarding planned parking lot improvements.

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

- Communication with residents and Founders Wall donors regarding the delay in construction. – Staff noted that the delay has not resulted in any change to the

improvements planned nor to the City's commitment to completing the project.

- The condition of the existing dog park as it relates to continued use during the delay in construction. – Staff noted that the damaged portions of the perimeter fence will be repaired, that empty planter areas have been filled with mulch, and that decomposed granite surfaces will be refreshed. In response to a concern regarding empty dog waste bag dispensers, staff asked that City Hall be notified as soon as possible to allow for timely refills. Landscape maintenance contractors (Nieves Landscape through December 19, 2018; BrightView Landscape Services beginning on December 20, 2018) are scheduled to refill dog waste bag dispensers every weekday morning, as-needed. Staff can refill more frequently, if necessary.
- The potential for relocating large rocks from near the driveway entry to the parking lot. – Staff advised that the suggestion will be considered.
- Traffic on Ridge Route Drive as it relates to use of the dog park. – Staff noted that comments made by Dog Park Advisory Group members regarding the speed of traffic on Ridge Route Drive have been relayed to the Orange County's Sheriff's Department. Vehicle travel lanes are within the City of Laguna Hills' jurisdiction.

## 5.2 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 was October 31, 2018. A total of \$9,000 has been received from 54 contributors (by contribution level: seventeen \$50 contributions, fourteen \$100 contributions, ten \$150 contributions, five \$250 contributions, and eight \$500 contributions). Instead of unveiling the Founders Wall plaque after the relocated dog park opens, the plaque will now be installed prior to the grand opening, due to the delay in construction of the "A Place for Paws" Dog Park Relocation Project.

City Manager Macon stated that, at this point, staff anticipates that the Founders Wall plaque will be 18" x 20" cast bronze with a raised border, text, and graphics, as well as a high-durability clear coat. The plaque will be wall-mounted inside the relocated dog park.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group suggested that the deadline for Founders Wall contributions be extended through January 31, 2019, due to the delay in construction of the "A Place for Paws" Dog Park Relocation Project. City Manager Macon advised that the deadline would be extended and updated flyers would be made available shortly.

City Manager Macon noted that work on establishing a commemorative tile fundraising program will continue, but that staff's efforts at this point are focused on resolving the delay in construction of the "A Place for Paws" Dog Park Relocation Project.

City Manager Macon advised that while the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund does not yet have the ability to accept contributions via credit card, development of that capability using an online application is in-process.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group discussed the possibility of selling a dog park-branded item at the grand opening of the relocated dog park (e.g., leashes).

5.3 Dog Park Advisory Group Leadership

Moved by Vice Chair Sanchez, seconded by Member Hall, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote with Member Klampert absent, to appoint David Cohen to serve as chair effective immediately through December 2019.

Moved by Member Hall, seconded by Chair Cohen, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote with Member Klampert absent, to appoint Barbara Sanchez to serve as vice-chair effective immediately through December 2019.

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 and responded to related questions. City Manager Macon noted that maintenance of the dog park will be a standing agenda item beginning with the meeting on February 12, 2019.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group commented on thefts from vehicles that have occurred in the dog park parking lot in the past and interest in public safety-related public outreach, as well as security cameras.

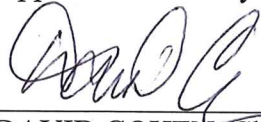
Member Hall raised the possibility of starting a newsletter for dog park users.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

  
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YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: February 12, 2019

  
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DAVID COHEN, Chair