

**DOG PARK ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2019
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 3:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

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

Chair Cohen noted that Jay Klampert has resigned from the Dog Park Advisory Group. Chair Cohen and Member Drauden noted that the Laguna Woods Village Dog Club Board of Directors will select a new appointee to replace Mr. Klampert.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Cohen led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nathan Searcy, on behalf of recently elected Assemblymember Cottie Petrie-Norris, introduced himself and noted that the Assemblymember's Office holds regular office hours at City Hall.

V. ADVISORY GROUP BUSINESS

5.1 Advisory Group Minutes

Moved by Member Drauden, seconded by Member Hall, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote, to approve the Dog Park Advisory Group minutes for the regular meetings on October 9, 2018 and December 11, 2018, with the following correction to the December 11, 2018 minutes:

*On page three, second paragraph under "5.3 Dog Park Advisory Group Leadership" –
"... to appoint Barbara Sanchez to serve as chair effective..." corrected to "... to appoint*

Barbara Sanchez to serve as vice chair effective...

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 information regarding the project timeline, planned parking lot improvements, project budget, and conceptual plans for a second phase of improvements to be completed following phase one.

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

- Chair Cohen suggested placing a lost and found box in the relocated dog park for individuals to deposit wallets, credit cards, etc. found in the dog park.
- The proximity of the relocated dog park to the Laguna Woods Village golf course.
– Staff noted that the City retained a golf course expert to assist with the design of the relocated dog park.
- Chair Cohen requested that the new contractor place signage at the construction site to indicate that work is progressing.

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 was January 31, 2019. A total of \$9,386 has been received from 58 contributors (twenty \$50 contributions, fifteen \$100 contributions, nine \$150 contributions, six \$250 contributions, and eight \$500 contributions).

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group suggested that the deadline for Founders Wall contributions be extended through March 15, 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 stated that March 15, 2019 should be treated as the final deadline due to the time necessary to design, proof, and fabricate the plaque.

City Manager Macon provided information regarding a potential commemorative tile fundraising program to support the operation and maintenance of "A Place for Paws" Dog Park generally consisting of the following:

- Options: [1] 3"x3" tile (text only) for a contribution of \$30; [2] 6"x6" tile (option of text and/or one photograph) for a contribution of \$50; and, [3] 12"x12" tile (option of text and/or two photographs) for a contribution of \$100.
- Design: All tiles to be dark brown plastic with white text/white photographs.
- Installation: Tiles to be installed in the dog park on a quarterly basis.
- Term: Contributions are for a five-year term of display; contributors have the option to renew for an additional term of display thereafter at then-current prices.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group were generally supportive of the potential

commemorative tile fundraising program as presented and suggested unveiling the program at the grand opening of the relocated dog park with samples of each size tile available.

City Manager Macon stated that the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors will be asked to consider approving the commemorative tile fundraising program at a future meeting.

City Manager Macon provided information regarding a potential amenity sponsorship program to provide opportunities for business and higher-dollar contributions to support the operation and maintenance of the dog park, including the following sponsorship opportunities in phase one of the “A Place for Paws” Dog Park Relocation Project:

- (2) Benches – *recognition plaque affixed*
- (3) Tables – *recognition plaque affixed*
- (1) Drinking Fountain – *recognition plaque affixed*
- (14) Trees – *recognition plaque staked beside tree*
- (4) Planter Beds – *recognition plaque staked in planter*

City Manager Macon advised that sponsorships would be effective for five years or until the amenity is replaced, whichever is later.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group were generally supportive of the potential amenity sponsorship program as presented.

City Manager Macon stated that the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors will be asked to consider approving the amenity sponsorship program at a future meeting. Sponsorship amounts would be set by the Board of Directors.

Chair Cohen suggested that dog bag dispensers be added to the list of amenity sponsorship opportunities.

City Manager Macon thanked Maintenance Programs Analyst Baumgarten and Deputy City Clerk Trippy for their assistance preparing for this fundraising discussion.

5.4 Dog Park Maintenance Activities

City Manager Macon provided an overview of changes to landscape maintenance practices for City-maintained property effective December 20, 2018. As was previously the case, no pesticides or herbicides of any kind are used in the dog park or its parking lot.

City Manager Macon noted that materials have been ordered to repair the damaged sections of the perimeter fence at the existing dog park.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group discussed concerns that some members have heard from individual dog park users regarding dogs eating mulch from the dog park. The

concerns were not understood to be common or widespread and no action was requested by the Dog Park Advisory Group of the City.

City Manager Macon noted that staff has not received any complaints regarding the use of mulch in the dog park or elsewhere in the city. Mulch is commonly used in parks and other landscape areas where dogs frequent without known issue.

5.5 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.

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group commented on the need for seating in the dog park to support up to 350 pounds.

Member Hall requested information regarding who to call in the event of dog bites and dog fights in the dog park.

Chair Cohen reiterated his interest in a lost and found box being placed in the dog park.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.



YOLIE TRIPPY, Deputy City Clerk

Approved: April 9, 2019



DAVID COHEN, Chair