

**DOG PARK ADVISORY GROUP  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 8, 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 3:02 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Member Prater 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 Prater, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote with Member Hall absent, to approve the Dog Park Advisory Group minutes for the regular meeting on June 11, 2019.

**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 timeline, as well as the conceptual plan, status, and notes for Phase Two.

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

- Increasing public awareness of positive changes that have been made to the dog

park, including the new, more advanced artificial turf and minimization of odors. City Manager Macon stated that staff will look into opportunities to do so.

- Requests for additional portable chairs. City Manager Macon and Maintenance Programs Analyst Baumgarten stated that additional chairs can be provided.
- The desire for an enhanced animal control presence at the dog park (enforcement and spot checks for neutering, licensing, and maximum number of dogs per person requirements). City Manager Macon stated that staff will follow-up with Laguna Beach/Laguna Woods Animal Services staff.
- The receipt of some heat complaints from park users. Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group noted that the new trees are still growing and that umbrellas and portable seating are also provided.
- The desire for a less coarse rock to be used in Phase Two planters. City Manager Macon stated that staff will look into doing so.
- The desire for additional parking adjacent to Phase Two. City Manager Macon stated that additional parking is under consideration and contingent on cost.

### 5.3 Dog Park Maintenance Activities

City Manager Macon invited input regarding maintenance of the dog park and shared the following maintenance budget report:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Year-to-Date (estimate from 8/1/19 - 9/30/19)</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget (18.2% since 8/1/19)</b>
General Maintenance	\$1,085.28	\$8,642.00	12.6%
Turf Maintenance	-	\$5,000.00	-
Utilities	\$332.09	\$3,180.00	10.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,417.37</b>	<b>\$16,822.00</b>	<b>8.4%</b>

Staff reported that there were no special maintenance events from 8/1/19 - 9/30/19.

No maintenance concerns were expressed by members of the Dog Park Advisory Group.

### 5.4 Fundraising to Support the Dog Park

City Manager Macon made a presentation and responded to related questions on fundraising to support the dog park, which included information regarding the commemorative tile program, as well as prospective amenity sponsorship, merchandise, and Dog Park Relocation Project: Phase Two founders wall-type programs.

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

- Whether potential future leash sales could include reflective strips. City Manager Macon stated that staff will look into the possibility.
- Publicity opportunities for the dog park and future fundraising programs
- The potential for selling future merchandise at the annual dog licensing day event

and Laguna Woods Village Dog Club meetings

- The potential for focusing a Phase Two founders wall-type program on businesses

#### 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 noted that the next meeting will be on December 10, 2019 at 3 p.m.

### VI. ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Cohen expressed his appreciation for staff's efforts.

Vice Chair Sanchez commented on City Hall's current dog-themed art display and the possibility of art-related fundraising and events.


At Chair Cohen's request, City Manager Macon commented on the City Council's recent approval of a conditional use permit for Smart Parke Luxury Suites and Daycare.

### VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: December 10, 2019

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID COHEN, Chair