

**DOG PARK ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 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 3:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Drauden led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

V. ADVISORY GROUP BUSINESS

5.1 Advisory Group Minutes

Moved by Chair Cohen, seconded by Vice Chair Sanchez, and carried unanimously on a 5-0 vote with Member Christensen absent, to approve the Dog Park Advisory Group meeting minutes for the regular meeting on October 8, 2019.

5.2 Dog Park Operations and Maintenance Activities

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

Description	Year-to-Date (estimate from 8/1/19 - 11/30/19)	Budget	% of Budget (36.4% since 8/1/19)
General Maintenance	\$4,208.76	\$8,642.00	48.7%

Turf Maintenance	-	\$5,000.00	-
Utilities	\$496.50	\$3,180.00	15.6%
TOTAL	\$4,705.26	\$16,822.00	27.9%

Staff reported the following special maintenance events:

- Reduced fence gaps at three locations
- Installed a “No Parking” sign near asphalt ADA path/driveway

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

Member Hall and Vice Chair Sanchez relayed complaints that they have heard regarding the distance between the parking lot and the dog park.

Vice Chair Sanchez commented that she finds safety within the dog park to be improved over the previous dog park.

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 information regarding the timeline, conceptual plan, and staff’s plan to substitute the “Southwest Brown” rock used in phase one for “Arizona River Rock” in phase two (a photograph of each was shown).

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group expressed no objection to the substitution of the “Southwest Brown” rock used in phase one for “Arizona River Rock” in phase two.

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 a review of the commemorative tile program flyer and the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors’ approval of an amenity sponsorship program, as well as a potential Dog Park Relocation Project: Phase Two founders wall-type program and a potential event to fundraise for both the dog park and the Laguna Woods branch of the County of Orange’s public library system.

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

- Request for a box to be installed at the dog park to distribute commemorative tile program flyers. Staff stated that such a box will be installed.
- Whether commemorative tiles could be displayed in either phase of the dog park. Staff responded affirmatively but noted that commemorative tiles for phase two of the dog park will not be available for purchase until after construction begins.
- Desire for contributions to be accepted via credit card. Staff noted that the Laguna Woods Civic Support Fund Board of Directors has expressed interest in accepting contributions by credit card.

- Potential sale of leashes. Member Drauden provided staff with a sample reflective leash that he received from a veterinarian's office.
- Potential sale of dog waste bags

Members of the Dog Park Advisory Group were supportive of a Dog Park Relocation Project: Phase Two founders wall-type program but expressed a preference not to repeat the "founders wall" program name that was used in phase one.

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

- Potential fundraising event locations, both inside and outside of the dog park
- Potential silent auction ideas

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 February 11, 2020 at 3 p.m.

VI. ADVISORY GROUP MEMBER COMMENTS


Member Drauden commented on upcoming Laguna Woods Village Dog Club events.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. The next regular meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.


YOLIE TRIPPY, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: February 11, 2020


DAVID COHEN, Chair