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## SILVER LAKE RESERVOIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 15, 2019, 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
Silver Lake Meeting Room, 1850 W. Silver Lake Dr., LA 90026

### (DRAFT) MINUTES

#### 1. WELCOMING REMARKS

- A. Call to order
- B. Committee roll call  
Terry Jackson  
Janis Purins
- C. Self-Introductions of guests (Please sign-in! It is voluntary, and will help us stay in touch with you.)  
Margaret Kaminski

#### 2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

(No comments)

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Updates on Recreation Center activities, facilities and parkland areas (Gordon Dupree, Facility Director)  
Gordon was delayed and arrived after the meeting was adjourned. Terry and Janis met with him briefly to update him on items that were discussed in the meeting.
- B. Status of Ivanhoe Walkway opening  
Opening ceremony was rescheduled due to rain, from January 12 to January 26, 2019
- C. Status of Reservoir Complex Master Plan  
Consulting firm was selected – Hargreaves Associates
- D. Status of Loyola Marymount/SLNC survey  
Survey results will be presented at a public meeting at Ivanhoe School on January 28, 2019

#### 4. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- A. Review and Adoption of Minutes  
Motion/Second -- Adopted without changes.

#### 5. MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

- A. *Motion: Establish a Silver Lake Dog Park Advocates Team (or another group name) to engage with Dog Park users regarding caretaking of the facility, dog and owner guidelines; and to identify a representative from the Dog Park users who will bring forward issues and ideas to be considered by the Committee and be an ongoing liaison between the Committee and Dog Park users.*

Margaret Kaminski volunteered to lead this proposed team and will engage with other dog park users and will enlist team members.

Need to clarify whether or not the Governing Board (GB) needs to approve this sub-group.



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Terry said there can be a dog park work group email account, for stakeholders to submit suggestions. This would need to be approved by GB. In the interim, anyone interested in joining this group or who has suggestions may send an email with their contact information to [RESERVOIR@SilverLakeNC.org](mailto:RESERVOIR@SilverLakeNC.org).

The goal will be to improve communications between the dog owners, the SLNC Reservoir Advisory Committee and the SL Recreation Center, with an eye on improving conditions and maintenance at the dog park. Margaret suggested examples of concerns:

- Cleanup of dog poop. There is a dispenser for plastic bags within the dog park, but it is always empty. The provided shovels are often bent or broken, and there is no “home base” to return the shovels so they are often hard to find when needed.
- After rain or watering, feces and mud from the main area get washed downslope into the small dogs area, making it unsanitary, muddy and unusable for several days.
- The way the fences demise the space, the LADWP utility building creates an obstructed view whereby owners cannot supervise their dogs when they run behind the building.
- Weekly maintenance, as posted by the entrance, is inconsistent, resulting in broken down chairs and other detritus left for weeks, and the shovels and other amenities are neglected.
- South Pasadena’s dog park’s ground cover is coarse sand that does not turn to mud – she takes her small dog there during rainy weather when SL’s dog park is too muddy. Dog park team members should study other dog parks, to see if best practices might be considered for Silver Lake’s dog park

Janis asked what can be done to maintain the plastic netting to protect newly planted greenery. Margaret: dogs like to dig and jump – unrealistic to expect netting to be a strong barrier. Janis: use raised containers for plantings with a ledge at seating height. Margaret said this would not be 100% because dogs like to jump and explore, but it would certainly improve the chances for greenery and would provide more seating options for dog owners. Something to recommend for the Master Plan, if unable to be implemented sooner.

Janis said that members of the dog park work group should have some kind of signifier, to let everyone in the park know that they are official liaisons with the committee and are the “go to” people regarding any questions, complaints, and suggestions. Margaret liked the idea of an embroidered or imprinted cap or hat.

- B. *Discussion and Possible Action: Dogs in “No Dogs Allowed” areas. Especially in the grassy area west of the Recreation Center building, people regularly bring their dogs into this area despite the clear signage. Some dogs are kept on leash, others off leash. How to best to address or enforce this? How/where to accommodate dog owners who wish to relax in a grassy area with their pet or whose dogs are not socialized for the Dog Park? How to address the wishes and concerns of those who want to avoid interacting with others’ dogs or are concerned about dog urine and feces? What other factors to consider, so everyone who wishes to use the park area is considered?*

Janis said that he sees more people with dogs than without dogs in the posted area. The reservoir complex does not have options for anyone who simply wants to sit on the grass and “hang out” with their dog. Margaret was unaware that the grassy area near the Rec Center is “no dogs;” she thought that the dirt path where the fence ends at the top of the slope was an accepted cut-through for dog walkers. Janis said that the Rec Center staff is on board with enforcing the posted rules, but they do not have staff for full time monitoring. If they do ad hoc enforcement, then some people may feel singled out, because they have seen others with dogs who were not reprimanded. Janis cautioned that any sudden and severe enforcement could cause a backlash, putting the SLNC in a negative light and create defensiveness and conflict with residents who walk with their dogs. Terry suggested a “dogs on leash only”



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area. Janis: maybe demise the area with a hedge or other “friendly” barrier, with on-leash on one side and off-leash on the other. The new fence behind the Rec Center blocks dogs from entering the children’s playground, so maybe the “No Dogs Allowed” policy should be revisited for the open, street-side grassy area.

Committee moved to defer further discussion and possible action to the next meeting, for more community input.

**6. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gordon Dupree has invited members of the Reservoir Committee to participate in an upcoming “Friends of the Rec Center” meeting, date and time TBA.

**7. REQUESTS/MOTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Re-agenda: *5.B. Discussion and Possible Action: Dogs in “No Dogs Allowed” areas...etc.*

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

9:00 p.m.