

SILVER LAKE DOG PARK AD HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 18, 2019, 6-7:30 p.m.

Silver Lake Meeting Room, 1850 W. Silver Lake Dr., LA 90026, street
parking/Metro 201

MINUTES (Draft)

Molly gave call to order, opening comments, passed out speaker cards, approved last meetings minutes, spoken on new agenda: do small things at the beginning to improve dog park.

Margaret: Agree to once a week low cost maintenance:

1. place for pooper scoopers
2. maintain pooper scoopers
3. get rid of broken equipment
4. clean up water bowls and kiddie pools

Paul seconded these actions.

Bruce spoke: Johnny in maintenance is acknowledged for cleaning up the park. Night people by and large don't pick up poop. There is a leak in dog park(underground connector). Johnny works for maintenance. Maintenance sends crew in after each rain to grade park.

Confirm ownership of park: DWP or Rec & Parks?

Mary Rodrigiez is at meeting on behalf of Mitch O'farrell
District 13.

Jose Monge is at meeting on behalf of Rec & Parks. He's

working with DWP regarding trees, benches and maintenance.

Motion made on check list for maintenance for whomever we can determine is in charge of specific maintenance.

Johnny does park maintenance on Wednesday's. Johnny is not a regular member of RAP, works P/T.

Goal is to put certain checklist in place for Johnny to do. He works M-F from 6am-10am ONLY on park.

Phil suggested we include Johnny in the next meeting.

Janis suggested we place a motion to better define tasks by department.

The conservancy is responsible for the poop bags/ dispensers around the lake.

Gordon Dupree is responsible for the dog park, Rec Center and meadows. Gordon is responsible for overseeing the park BUT the actual maintenance is put in as a request and then distributed to the appropriate department. RAP does not do all the maintenance.

Gordon starts the email process. Margaret says that if things don't get done that she becomes aware of, she contacts Gordon to help facilitate.

Gordon request all email sent to silverlakerecreationcenter@lacity.org

Everyone is good on checklist idea.

Ground materials: Seeking expert on ground materials.

Jose is going to check with RAP to see if they can get an expert opinion. EagleRock has a baseball field that utilized a landscape architect to recommend a ground surface. Phil says that putting down grass won't work. Margaret asked to have Rye Grass planted around the periphery to help keep run-off from going into the sidewalk. Jose says there's a light equipment operator that comes in occasionally to drag the park.

Katherine says a master plan to get the park manageable needs to be put in place to address all departments and maintenance.

Molly suggests we level the small dog park area to the same height as the main park.

Pasadena has a side-by-side big/small dog park on the same level. Discussed moving small dog park to the very top (big dog area) where there is grass.

Paul requested to remove "no dogs allowed" at the Grassy Knoll. Janis says he will bring this up with his committee.

Janis suggests centralizing place for pooper scoopers.

Phyllis suggests consistence in scooper tools. Margaret says she will look into this, as does Jose.

Phil: closing down the park for a month (for improvements) would not be advisable.

Presentations:

Mary Rodriguez: found out there were shade enclosures that had already been approved. Made that happen (2014). Made some "fun signs" asking people to pick up poop. Last February put up new fencing and rye grass.

Discussed regular maintenance, planting trees, new benches with RAP. Here tonight to co-ordinate efforts.

Mitch O'Farrell will be at various locations 4/25 at

Silverlake library for seniors. 4/27 to discuss trees on W. SL Drive. 9:30 at Grassy Knoll.

Bruce asked Mary to help find money sitting around collecting dust.

Janis said neighborhood council has some discretionary money that can be sourced.

Jose Monge: wishes to be more involved.

Janis queried Jose about the decision making process on tree planting and the thought process in requesting benches, shade placement. When is the best time to ask Jose about materials: Summer. Regarding planting: Spring. Money requesting is throughout the year according to Jose.

Katherine suggests a community outreach to get people involved in clean-up and maintenance by way of this committee. Lead by example.

Phil: larger signs at the entrance to the meadow.

Gordon Dupree: facility director/ been here for over a year/ glad dog owners have a voice. Door is always open/ here to help.

Request for motions for future items to consider. Want to establish a regular meeting schedule.

Janis wants RAP to address small dog park area. Mary planning to present/ address this issue/looking into it.

Katherine: new neighborhood council to begin next week.

Janis is chair and remains on committee. Co-chair of reservoir committee. We are adjunct of Reservoir committee. He reports back to Neighborhood Council. Now is a good time to request money since new budget takes effect in May (reservoir & silverlakenc.org).

Molly: use green signboard to post update & info re dog park. Molly will post date/agenda for next meeting once settled.