

ANIMAL AND DOG PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 2022

8:00 am – 9:00 am

IN-PERSON LOCATION

Room 208 @ City Hall

VIRTUAL MEETING LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88325839036?pwd=dWx3M1hCYXdjUTdEMGtsSjl3Ui8wZz09>

Meeting ID: 883 2583 9036

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DRAFT Minutes

Attendees		
Committee Members	In-Person	Virtual (Reason)
Tom Lopez, Board of Aldermen (Alternate)		
Patricia Klee, Board of Aldermen	x	
Kathy Abel, Community Member	x	
Amber Morgan, Community Member (Chair)	x	
Megan Villacis, Community Member	x	
Bob Langis, Animal Control Officer	x	
Becky Longval, Nashua Humane Society		
Staff	In-Person	Virtual
Deb Chisholm, Waterways Manager	x	
Bryan Conant, Parks & Rec Superintendent	x	
Noah Telerski, Mayor's Office	x	

The regular meeting of the Animal and Dog Park Advisory Committee was held in Room 208 at City Hall. The Zoom meeting link was provided on the meeting agenda and on the City’s website. No one from the Committee or from the public attended via Zoom.

1. Approval of the March 10, 2022 Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Amber
- Second: Kathy
 - Discussion: None
- Yea: Unanimous
- Nay: 0

2. Introductions

Amber provided an overview of the committee and the work that’s been done for Bryan, new Parks and Recreation Superintendent.

3. Dog Park Non-Profit

Amber indicated she is waiting for two people to respond to her request they join the non-profit team (Barks and Rec). Five people are required. The Humane Society and Great American Downtown have offered to be the fiscal agent if a non-profit status cannot be attained.

4. Dog Waste Clean-up Campaign

No complaints to the Mayor's Office recently according to Noah.

Amber said Director Bagley of Public Health wants to see more dog waste bags available downtown. We need to find a way to pay for more bags; City purchase, business sponsorship?

Discussion about having a clean up day across the City where each Ward would focus on cleaning up a specific park or other recreational space. Saturday or Sunday between May 1 and Sept 1 was discussed in order to provide flexibility for each Ward Alderman to lead the event for their Ward. Alderwoman Klee will take the lead on talking to others on the Board of Aldermen.

5. Animal-Related Signage

Existing Rules:

[Article I Park and Playground Rules](#)

[§ 215-1 Prohibited acts.](#)

In all parks, playgrounds, pools and other City recreational facilities, no person shall:

- J. Bring or allow any dog or horse to be in any park or playground except in areas designated and marked by the Superintendent for dogs and/or horses.

The committee discussed slight modifications to the rule to reflect all pets, not just dogs and horses, and if marked with signage prohibiting pets. This change will allow the signage to be more consistent. Conflicting signage should be replaced first with other replaced over time.

The **revised** rule should read:

In all parks, playgrounds, pools and other City recreational facilities, no person shall:

- J. Bring or allow any *pet* to be in any park or playground areas designated and marked by the Superintendent *prohibiting pets*.

The signage at schools should also be evaluated for consistency. Alderwoman Klee will check with Shawn Smith at the School Department. She will also ask the Legal Department to assist with making changes to the rule.

6. Animal Control Officer and Humane Society Updates

- **ACO:** Bob provided an update of the animal call report. Not much new to report
- **Humane Society:** In Becky's absence, Bob reported that the Humane Society is operating as normal.

7. Other

- A reminder that the rabies clinic is being held on Saturday April 26 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am by voice vote

Next Scheduled Meeting: Thursday, May 12th 8 AM – 9 AM

Minutes by: Deb Chisholm