

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

**South Pasadena Animal Commission (SPAC)
1424 Mission Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030**

**Monday, November 3, 2014
Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall – 6:30 pm**

South Pasadena Animal Commissioners/Council & Staff Liaisons in Attendance

Elizabeth Cavanaugh, Chair
Cornelia Balogh, Public Relations Secretary
Olivia Galvin, Resources Secretary
Michelle Lindsay, Corresponding Secretary
Doreen Siodmak, Newly Appointed Commissioner
City Councilmember Diana Mahmud, Council Liaison
Police Captain Mike Neff, Staff Liaison

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:33 pm
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS/SOUTH PASADENA DOG PARK**

South Pasadena Residents in attendance during public comment: Beverly Biber, Shannon Roddy, Stephanie Payne-Campbell, Diane Bridges, and Bob Bridges

- a. Mr. Roddy made a Community Outreach Presentation to the Commission. As an overview, Mr. Roddy stated that a Dog Park would provide a safe and active environment for dogs and would connect residents to important resources for their pets. He explained his vision for the creation of a website to lend support to developing and maintaining the Dog Park, Mr. Roddy has offered to design, develop and maintain the website and would like to coordinate his efforts with the City. This website would provide a central resource for residents on issues of importance to them and their pets. It would also provide for the sharing of information through social media, outreach, funding, and resources for pets (such as animal hospitals, veterinary services, and obedience training, dog walkers and sitters), requirements/amenities for the Dog Park (such as trees, drinking fountains, pet pickup stations), information boards to help track lost pets and other information, such as immunization recommendations. The website was also proposed as a way to raise funds from residents as well as pet food and service sponsors to help support the Dog Park and serve the Community.
- b. Commissioner Cavanaugh reported on the South Pasadena Dog Park project with an update from the City. The Dog Park's proposed location is 650 Stoney Drive (property between the CNG station and Batting Cages, minus the public works yard behind 650 Stoney). The City has approved \$100,000 from the General Fund and \$30,000 from Park Impact Fees for its design and construction. The project (planning) will be completed by the end of this fiscal year, which is June 30, 2015. In addition,

the City is working on an RFP (Request for Proposal) for design and construction. Once that is completed and plans are done, construction will begin.

- c. The Commission suggested to Mr. Roddy's that the website and outreach be a "Friends of the South Pasadena Dog Park" support system for the project, perhaps partnering with the already well-established South Pasadena Beautiful organization, since they would share similar goals for the Community. As Mr. Roddy moves forward creating a network of support and sponsors for the proposed website, it was also recommended by the Commission that he stay in contact with the Director of Community Services.
- d. Council Liaison Mahmud reminded the Commission of the current petition to repeal the City's utility tax, which could have an overall financial impact on City projects, such as the Dog Park. Before Mr. Roddy left the meeting, Council Liaison suggested that he connect with the Pasadena Community Foundation. Upon further discussion, however, it was agreed that Commissioner Cavanaugh would contact him, recommending that he first connect with the South Pasadena Community Fund.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

4. LIAISON REPORTS

- a. Council Liaison reported that the SPMC code revision to delete the requirement for a joint meeting with the Public Safety Commission is expected to be enacted by City Council before the end of the year
- b. Staff Liaison Neff will inquire about the status of the latest MOU with Red Rover, so that an updated copy can be provided to SPAC

5. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- a. Resident feedback at the PD/FD. Open House included two complaints:
 - 1) Disruptive goats at a residence on Pasadena Avenue, which Captain Neff will further investigate
 - 2) A loose Labrador that is difficult to contain in the Monterey Hills area; Commissioner Siodmak will follow-up with the resident
- b. Commissioner Balogh will research the recent passage of the spay/neuter ordinance by City of Pasadena, seeking information from the experts who provided testimony. She will present her findings at the next SPAC meeting.
- c. Recently appointed Commissioner Siodmak was introduced, and next steps for three expiring Commissioner terms were discussed
- a. It was suggested that the Dog Park remain a standing topic of discussion for the agenda

ADJOURNMENT at approximately 8:00 pm

Approved by  _____

Date 2/25/15