



**CURRITUCK COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**

November 2, 2017

Minutes – Special Meeting of the Animal Services & Control Advisory Board

CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Lynn Christian	Board Member	Absent	
Donna Corbo	Chairman	Present	
Laura Hill	Vice Chairman	Present	
Michael Shannon	Board Member	Present	
Nancy VanClief	Board Member	Present	
Rachael Stone	Board Member	Absent	
Tammie Capps	Board Member	Present	
Marion Gilbert	Ex-Officio	Present	

DOG PARK

Invited guests by Marion Gilbert were Jason Weeks with Parks and Recreation, Michelle Perry, engineer and Ginger Sykes with Animal Lovers Assistance League. Gina Maurer, Director of Animal Control and Services was also present.

Meeting started with Michelle Perry presenting to the advisory board a preliminary dog park layout that included the fencing area for both small and large dogs and the entrance/ transition area to the park.

Jason Weeks explained that the layout included a concrete pad that attached to the existing walkway and would include the entrance/ transition area of the park. This will make the park handicap accessible. Jason also provided the board with the "bare bones" cost for the completed infrastructure. This would include the fencing, the concrete pad, two trash cans (one for each area), two poop stations (one for each area) and two benches (one for each area) made out of poly coated metal.

The complete "bare bones" pkg using 4ft new fencing and 200 ft of the airport recycled fencing will cost \$21,000.00.

The complete "bare bones" pkg using all new 6ft fencing will cost \$25,000.00.

Jason stated that the area needs to be wheelchair accessible and a gate will need to be added to accommodate the large mowers to enter the fenced areas. He said that parks and recreations would be mowing the areas and they need at least 5.5 ft between the amenities for the mowers.

The park will meet all state requirements as to accessibility for the public and ADA approved.

Mike Shannon presented two hand outs both showing different equipment from Bark Park, a dog park equipment company, that can be used inside the small and large areas. It was determined that the board has a lot of space to utilize.

Marion requested that Gina send the layout to Kristie Pate, Sale Associate with Bark Park and request that she prepare a diagram of their most common equipment and amenities that are used for a recreational dog park. The board would like to see a projected finished picture of a completed dog park, including all of the amenities. The board would like to be able to show the board of commissioners their vision for the dog park.

Marion asked the advisory board to start thinking about a sponsorship campaign to raise money for the amenities for the dog park.

The next step is for Marion Gilbert to take the proposed estimated cost of the infrastructure to the board of commissioners for their approval.

Donna Corbo recapped the meeting by stating that it is the understanding of the advisory board that the County of Currituck will pay for the infrastructure (if approved), the "bare bones", using the 6ft fencing estimate. The advisory board will be responsible for the amenities that will be placed inside the infrastructure, through fund raising, donations and sponsorship from other organizations that wish to help contribute to the success of the dog park.

Ginger Sykes commented that she feels this will appeal to a lot of people both with large and small dogs. She made the suggestion that the board visit different dog parks in the area and take pictures, to use as a guide for Currituck's dog park. Donna Corbo stated that she has been to several dogs parks in the area and has already taken many pictures. Ms. Sykes would also like to see in the future a concrete pool for the water dogs.