

**ELYSIAN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

The Elysian City Planning and Zoning Commission met in regular session Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at City Hall at 6:00 pm.

Present were: Chairperson Rick Galewski; Commissioners Kristina Droog, Dan Engebretson, Jeremy Henninger, and Tom McBroom; Zoning Administrator Lorri Kopischke. Absent: None.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Engebretson, all voting in favor, to approve the agenda as presented.

On motion by Engebretson, seconded by Droog, all voting in favor, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2020 Regular Meeting as presented.

The Commissioners reviewed the City of Elysian Code of Ordinance Chapter 92: Parks and Recreation Section 92.01 City Park Regulations. The Park Board has requested that the City Council consider allowing Lake Tustin Park to be “dog friendly”.

The current ordinance as it pertains to animals reads as follow:

“(C) No animals are permitted in any part of all parks. Leashed animals are allowed in the parking lot area and may be allowed to swim/exercise in the area at the north end of the parking area. Pet owners are responsible for the behavior of their pets and for cleaning up and removing items associated with their pet.”

Commissioners discussed the possibility of allowing animals in the swimming area of Lake Francis Park during the non-peak season such as Labor Day to Memorial Day but prohibiting them during the peak season when the most people are using the beach area.

There was a lot of discussion in regard to allowing areas for unleashed dogs at the any of the parks. There was consensus that if an animal was to be allowed at a City park it should be leashed.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Galewski, all voting in favor, to recommend amending City of Elysian Code of Ordinance Chapter 92: Parks and Recreation Section 92.01 City Park Regulations to read as follows:

“(C) Leashed animals are allowed in designated areas of all City parks. Pet owners are responsible for the behavior of their pets and for cleaning up and removing items associated with their pets.”

And with the following recommendation:

That there be no animals allowed in the beach area of the City parks in the peak season – Memorial Day through Labor Day.

The Park Board / City Council shall determine in what parks and in which area of those parks that animals are allowed. Signs would be erected to show which areas allow animals and which areas do not.

There was no other business to come before the Commission.

On motion by McBroom, seconded by Henninger, all voting in favor, meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Attest:

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Rick Galewski, Chairperson

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Lorri Kopischke, Zoning Administrator