



Cape George Colony Club

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND
MEMBERS

Study Session
Monday, September 25, 2023
3:00 p.m.
Via Zoom



Cape George Colony Club Study Session Agenda

Monday, September 25, 2023, at 3:00 PM
Zoom Audio/Video Conference Call

- A. Call to Order – President’s Comments and Announcements.
- B. Letters from members – See attached letters.
- C. Manager's Comments and Report: See attached report.
- D. Board Items for Discussion and possible inclusion on the Agenda for Thursday’s Board Meeting.
Four possible actions: 1) Place on Board Meeting Agenda as action item; 2) Place on Board Meeting Agenda as an information item; 3) Move item to next month’s Study Session Agenda; 4) No action or further discussion required.

Note: Each topic will be introduced by a Board Member or the Manager. Discussion will follow. Board Members will be called on to speak first. Members will be called on after the Board members speak.

- 1. Shoreline Stewardship Committee update – Pat Gulick.
- 2. Environmental Committee Comments – Pat Gulick.
- 3. In person meetings – Mike Heckinger.
- 4. Budget and Reserve Study – Betsy Coddington.
- 5. PP01 Livestock and Pets rule change focus group update – Betsy Coddington. See attached.
- 6. WUE Report information only– Marnie Levy. See attached (information only.)

E. Member Participation (Compliments, Issues, Concerns)

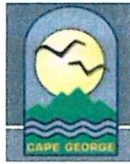
NOTICE: The President will ask members that have called into the Zoom Board Meeting to come forward with any questions, comments, or concerns. We encourage and wish to promote member participation with the following stipulations: Each member may speak once on any given topic, with a 3-minute time limit, until every member that wishes to speak has done so. Each member may have one rebuttal with a 2-minute time limit on the same topic. If another topic is raised the same procedure will follow. *Note: The Board of Trustees will not hear or discuss owner violations or owner account issues. They must be addressed in a separate hearing.*

F. Open Board Discussion

G. Announcements and Adjournment

- Board of Trustees Meeting, via Zoom, Thursday, September 28.

- Board of Trustees Study Session, via Zoom, Monday, October 23.
- Board of Trustees Meeting, via Zoom, Thursday, October 26.



Cape George Colony Club
September 2023
Manager's Report

RUMOR

"General talk or hearsay, not based on definite knowledge." Consider the Manager a good source to confirm or deny rumors. 360.385.2208. Manager@CapeGeorge.org.

PROCESS

"A continuous and regular action or succession of actions occurring or performed in a definite manner." The Board of Trustees follows processes set forth in the Cape George Colony Club Governing Documents. <https://capegeorge.org/index.php?governing-documents>

♥ Thank you to all committee Chairs!

The task of chairing a committee is a challenge. Consistency, communication, and organization are key. The committees have a charter that the Chair is responsible to follow and abide by. A huge thank you to the twenty-three Committee Chairs who give so much of their time to help facilitate the hundreds of volunteers who, together, make Cape George a great place to live!

Assessments Due October 1, 2023.

Please make sure to pay your assessment, online or by bringing your check to the office.

Budget and Reserves

We are working on the proposed 2024 Budget and Reserve Assessment package to present to membership for approval. Thank you to the board and members who attended the meeting held by Reserve Consultants, LLC. Their presentation was direct and succinct. At the membership meeting following RCL's presentation members shared opinions and ideas of how to go forward.

If you have not had a chance to look at the 2023 Reserve Studies, please go to the Cape George website where they are posted. The link to the page is <https://capegeorge.org/index.php?reserve-schedules>

Reserve Study Consultants, LLC, has included in each reserve study (General, Water, and Marina) their recommendations for funding as well as the outlook for Cape George reserve funds, if members continue funding the reserves as we have been. The recent years of inflation, and less-than-recommended funding levels in prior years have left Cape George in a potentially vulnerable position. I encourage every member to become familiar with the reserve studies.

In the second week of October (specific date and time to be determined) the Board will meet to discuss the proposed budget and reserves. On October 16, there will be a Special Meeting of the Board to review and approve a proposed operating budget. Notice of those meetings will be posted and sent via eblast at least 48 hours in advance.

On October 19, ballots will be mailed to members. The Budget and Reserves ballot mailing will include other information and member inquiry issues so please read through that packet carefully and respond by mailing or turning your ballot in at the office by the due date.

Office updates

Office Administrator Terri Brown is retiring at the end of October. We are advertising for an office administrator in local publications and on Zip Recruiter. We sent the advertisement for the position to members as an eblast, with the announcement of her retirement.

Terri has been the Office Administrator for eight beautiful years and will be sorely missed, especially by me. We will schedule a retirement get together for Terri in October.

Maintenance

- The swimming pool will be closed for resurfacing in the middle of October. We will close the pools five days in advance to drain and clean the pool. Please look for notices of the specific closure dates.
- Picnic area lawn hydroseeding. The last step of the berm repair is to hydroseed the lawn from the north end of the clubhouse to the north end of the berm. I will be receiving a proposal for the lawn hydroseeding that will probably be scheduled in mid-October. Our goal is to have a few weeks when we are getting some rain and before have any freezing weather.

Tech updates.

- As I write, I can say that we are very close to having the new locks, fobs and computer programs working together to make access to the Clubhouse, Workshop, Pool, and Fitness Room fobs and cards work consistently.
- The Tech Team is working on acquiring equipment and staging for blended Zoom/in-person meetings at the Clubhouse to be utilized when approved by the Board. Scheduling time to go through that has been our biggest issue, we know this is a hot topic and will try to set it up shortly.

Violations

Violation letters were sent for abandonment of property, one maintenance violation, a barking dog violation, unshaded exterior night lights, and a trash violation.

Reminders

- ❖ **Cape George is private property.** We have had reports of a team of door-to-door solar panel salespeople trespassing in Cape George. Please report any solicitors to the office.
- ❖ **Cross connection and backflow testing.** Inspection letters were mailed in early September. Three testing companies are listed on the second page of the letter you received.
- ❖ **Please clean up after your dog.** In the park areas, on the streets, in the Marina, on the beach, and everywhere else. Even if you think no one is looking.

Thank you for everything you do to help make Cape George Colony Club a great place to live!

Marnie W. Levy, CMCA®, AMS®,
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Dear Betsy and Members of the Board,

As a member of the Adhoc Dog Group Committee I am submitting this letter to be submitted alongside the final proposal and minutes of the Adhoc Committee dated 8/25/23. Those decisions were made in the absence of 2 of the members of the Pro-Change PP01 group (continued use of Memorial Park as a limited-hours off-leash gathering place) who were not told that this would be the final meeting of the group. When requesting to chime in with my thoughts, I was told by the facilitator that “the committee’s work is done.” As a dis-enfranchised member of the committee, I feel an obligation to the folks whose views I represent to publicly present my response to a proposal that purports to speak for the entire Committee when it actually does not. **The statement in the proposal that “the committee members propose that Memorial Park may be used for dogs off leash from 2:30-3:30 daily up until but no later than 4/30/24” and others make it sound that this was a unanimous decision. Clearly it was not signed onto by myself as I was not present, nor was my vote solicited. I believe it is up to the Board to make that decision based on the evidence we provide below.**

So here are the points I would like to make:

The Adhoc Committee was given the charge to consider the concerns brought up to the Board in response to the proposal to change the off-leash rule to include 2 hours per day at Memorial Park, and try to resolve those concerns with a win-win solution. In addition, we were asked to think outside the box for an “ideal” doggie park IF CG could create one.

In my mind, these were not mutually exclusive tasks, but the group spent most of their energy promoting and responding to the facilitator’s proposal for a partially fenced off-leash area at the north end of Marina Park while not directly addressing the proposal presented to the Board.

The Pro-Change group spent a lot of effort addressing the concerns of the No-Change group and we provided a document outlining our response that were attached to the minutes, but which I am summarizing here to make sure it is seen. I would like to ask the Board to use it as a basis to vote for changing the current off-leash rule to include Memorial Park on an on-going limited-hours basis. Memorial Park is an ideal place for an off-leash meeting

place for those folks with active dogs. The off-road parking provides a unique safe space in a naturally contained bowl in a beautiful grassy setting. Even so we have hopefully bent over backwards to alleviate the concerns of those who have felt otherwise.

1. The No-Change group wants to maintain the original intention of the Memorial Park. It is understandable that those who put time and energy into creating that green space feel a strong sense of ownership. However this community is a living organism and its needs change. Just as there was a need years ago to change the space at Memorial Park, there is now a need to consider a change for a community that has many more dogs. Once again, **the need is not to convert Memorial Park into a dog park. It is to have the park serve as a multiuse amenity** just as the Club House does, as well as the swimming pool does, serving multiple interests. Memorial Park is a much underused amenity. It is our understanding that no group of people or committee can create rules for commonly owned amenities except the Board of Directors. The intention of Memorial Park would be preserved at least 22 hours out of 24 and the bulk of daylight hours. Hours would be posted to that effect and the community would plan their visits accordingly just as the Clubhouse and Swimming Pool have hours posted for when it is reserved for special interests or events. Special events (such as Memorials, event gatherings) would take precedence as long as it was cleared with the Office. In addition, we would support the Board in appointing a committee to oversee the restitution of some sort of Memorial to those members who have passed to replace that which was vandalized previously. (This idea was put forth by Nancy Charpentier). A lot of artistic knowhow is in this community and creating a new memorial would also help keep the original intent of the Park alive.

2. Concerns about Pet Waste. The ways to avoid the potential bad effects of pet waste is to pick it up and dispose of it responsibly. We're not sure how many incidents of human disease from canine fecal contamination have been reported in Cape George Colony, but we are sure it is minimal and can take place anywhere in the Colony. The amount of fecal matter produced in the colony is the same whether or not Memorial Park would be a leashed or unleashed area for 2 hours a day. The potential problem would only come from the same people that are not responsible in picking up their pets' waste. Having a responsible group that comes daily to act as a poop patrol (all times of the year, all kinds of weather) would ensure that any poop that was left

before they got there would be picked up and disposed of. Without that group coming, who would take on that responsibility?

3. **Concerns about safety of people who are afraid of dogs.** By having posted hours of dog use, people could plan their times of accessing the park accordingly. The Dog People Group are respectful of those needs and would certainly leash up their dogs if requested so that people could access the beach comfortably during off-leash hours.

4. **Concerns about Noise/Barking.** Having a limited time for dog play will certainly minimize the amount of barking. It will certainly be less time than the noise impact that the pickle court usage has on neighbors.

5. **Degradation of the Park.** We would suggest that a routine maintenance program for the park be looked into - staffed by volunteers or contracted out. We're confident this could be funded by donations. Adhoc Committee members suggested that users of MP not congregate routinely in one area to facilitate equal usage of the grassy area. While all our public grassy areas that are not irrigated show its wear at this time of year, it seems there was little deleterious impact over the winter and spring months when the off-leash use of MP was in effect.

6. **Protect marine life/environment.** This was addressed above as relating to a poop patrol. Any impact from the small amount of dog poop would certainly be minimal to the amount of impact that any fossil-fueled motor boat operating out of our Marina would have on the health of the bay.

In addition to addressing those concerns above, the **Pro Change** group recommends:

1. The usage hours be posted on a sign at the entrance to the park and in the newsletter.
2. Requests for other use (such as memorials, other events) that may conflict with those hours be directed to the office for approval.
3. That an additional waste receptacle be added to the existing one - one for dog waste and one for other trash and signed as such.
4. That any person desiring that dogs be on leash for their own comfort to access the beach area be given the right of way by the Dog People Group

5. That the daily length of time allotted to the Dog People Group be decreased to 1 or 1.5 hours instead of 2 hours to further minimize the impact on Memorial Park.
6. That the Board consider forming a Committee to look into the installation of a new memorial piece of some sort to replace the one that was vandalized.

We trust that the above should provide the Board with an excellent basis to move forward with voting to change the current off-leash rule to extend to Memorial Park on a limited-hour basis permanently until decided otherwise by the Board. The above points are supported by my 2 cohorts on the Committee, Molly Torres and Marta Krissovich.

The second issue that I personally would like to address is the Committee's proposal for a partially fenced-in area for dogs at the northern tip of Marina Park. I praise Susi for the work she put into her proposal and the excellent input provided by Richard VanDeMark. I feel there are many big ifs that need to be decided, not the least of which is the approval by the community of such a project. It would certainly change the character of the Cape George shoreline and, to some, wouldn't fit in with the open feel of our shoreline. I do feel that having the playground nestled in that protected area as it is currently is an excellent place for it. As a community that would hope to attract more younger families in the future, having an updated play structure in that area that is also adjacent to the beach (our natural playground) seems like a perfect spot. There seems to be mixed reports as to whether or not keeping the playground in the existing area would be legal and that needs more research. Having the playground relocated across the road seems to be risky in terms of its proximity to traffic. Suggesting that enlarging the areas abutting the hillsides to the east of the proposed partially fenced off-leash area and east of a relocated playground area east of the road by taking out a major amount of shrubs must first take into consideration what impact that would have on the stability of those hillsides and potential runoff.

I personally agree that our dog community needs to have a fenced-in area for dogs that need that kind of constraint and think that the area near the Firehouse in the Village should be looked into as a possibility. Susi makes a good point that the Village has fewer amenities than the Colony.

If the Board agreed that the Adhoc Committee's proposal be sent to a membership forum, I would recommend that all the possible options be

presented to the forum, not just the Committee's recommendation. Kim had an excellent idea to have the community surveyed after that forum to better ascertain the will of the community. That idea had been received enthusiastically by most of the committee members but never made it into the proposal, perhaps due to Susi's caution that it's very difficult to produce adequate numbers of responses. While that may be true, I believe there are many of us that would welcome the challenge to solicit responses.

Addressing the above changes in the Marina Park area and a partially-fenced dog play area may take quite awhile, if it is addressed at all. In the meantime, having a safe, protected, well-cared for area such as Memorial Park for younger, active dogs and their owners to socialize on a regular basis without an expiration date until the Board had other plans for that area, seems like the best solution - it would be a win for those in the dog community and a win for those concerned about the environment and intent of Memorial Park.

I thank all the committee members for the good will and open ears they brought to the two meetings that I attended and only regret that I wasn't allowed to participate in bringing the proposal to what would have felt like a more satisfying conclusion to me.

As we already know, this is a very charged issue and I hope the divisiveness it has brought can be toned down and mutual respect be nurtured and expressed. Cape George is a family and we have to live with each other regardless of our differences.

I hope the Board will find a path that can bring us together.

Respectfully, Allan Zee

Memo

To: Cape George Board of Trustees
Re: One more thing about dog restricted areas
From: Robin Scherting
Date: July 24, 2023

Sorry I did not get this to the office in time to be included in the Study Session Packet--time got away from me and I missed the deadline; but I wanted you to have this information for any discussion you may have concerning restricted dog areas in CG.

I called the other homeowners associations that I know about in this area. All of the answers were about the same. None of them have restricted areas for dogs anywhere or anytime. In fact, their rules concerning dogs are much more restrictive than ours, even on their beaches.

With this in mind, I think what this group is asking for is excessive. All members need to be considered at all times when making such a rule change. This is a community for all members to use and enjoy, not just a few.

Please leave the rule as it now stands.

Sincerely, Robin C. Scherting

To: Dog People Email List; Marnie Levy, Manager; Jane Ludwig, Board President; Betsy Coddington; any interested Cape George Member

From: Ann Candioto, manager of a distribution email list aimed at participants in the daily Dog Group, Dog Park, or Doggy Playtime, as you prefer

I had hoped to let sleeping dogs lie. However, as George has pointed out, and most of us knew, the off-leash use of Memorial Park is a temporary privilege granted our group by the Board in recognition of the fact that the Berm renovations made our use of the traditional area impossible. This permission will need inevitable review as everyone weighs in on this issue. I would like to make a case for continuing the privilege.

The Berm job is pretty much done and all sorts of activities are returning to that area. *Great Job Berm Committee!* However, the resulting changes do affect its use for the recreation of dogs and their owners. Primarily, the size of the grassy area has been greatly reduced and it is my thought that the wear and tear that is inevitable from many active dogs may be too much for the now narrow area to sustain. Even years ago, with fewer dogs, wear was obvious.

Secondly, there are now simply more dogs at Cape George. The group has always varied, of course, as to numbers, breeds, sizes and ages of participating dogs, but has worked remarkably well over at least 15 years of daily use, thanks to courtesy, realistic expectations, and the countless small adjustments people make when living in community.

Third, the proposed, **voluntary**, divisions of use are logical. The north and south ends of the Clubhouse Off-Leash Area already exist and provide, in the north, long runs for athletic ball - obsessed dogs, while the smaller area around the existing gazebo at the Marina entrance is all that small and elderly dogs need.

Last, the grassy area at Memorial Park has proven to be a good area for a variety of dogs and kinds of play. Many users have expressed their preference for the greater safety provided by the distance from the roadway.

The existence of the Dog Group has provided hundreds of hours of healthy activity, every year, not only for the dogs but, importantly, for the people. It is a social center and the heart of one of the many sub-communities in dear old Cape George.

Dear Board Members and community,

The proposed permanent change to allow off leash dogs at Memorial Park after being granted a long term temporary status is a no-win situation. It has turned quite ugly and highly emotionally charged.

So many things have been said and misconstrued during this whole process. People saying things they know nothing about. One such rumor was that we didn't want dogs at all at the Memorial Park, not true. Leashed dogs are allowed almost everywhere in CG. Because I'm not in favor of an off leash at Memorial Park, I've been accused of being anti-dog, part of a faction of people who don't like dogs, and being inflexible. I am not the enemy, I just have a different opinion which I'm allowed to have. I don't hate dogs, I love a number of them.

I wrote my first letter because I talked to a number of people who didn't understand why Memorial Park was still being used as a doggie off leash area when doggie off leash is 24/7 down by the Marina. The Whole marina area is an off leash area. It has been for years.

Betsy asked me to be part of the ad hoc committee. I said yes. We listened to why the folks wanted Memorial Park in addition to the whole marina area. Safety of the dogs, easy access for people, access to the water, social for the people.

We were told to think big. Consider ALL the dogs that are at CG. We came up with a proposal that uses a space that has safety, water access, people access, and social at the Marina area. No fenced in area, but a safety barrier so dogs won't run out into the street which was one of the biggest concerns given to us. If road safety was a concern for those using Memorial Park, it would also be a concern for the other dog owners who use the Marina as an off leash area.

As an adhoc committee we were coming closer to a proposal we could present to the board and hopefully also the community as a whole. At our next to last meeting, we learned two members could not be there for the last meeting. We were close enough to a reasonable proposal that the two absent members gave another member permission to speak, but we misunderstood the parameters of that permission. We had a well thought out idea to propose.

So at this point do what you will. Again It's a no -win situation. Perhaps extend the temporary ok for a year and see how Memorial Park does. Right now a smaller group of dogs meets there, but if it is ok'd as a permanent rule change, there is no limit on what sized dogs will be allowed there or how many. Who will enforce the one hour a day?

Although the committee members worked well and respectfully coming up with a reasonable proposal, it has not been worth the negative impact it has had.

Good luck in your decision making. Patty Dunmire

Letter to the Board, September Study Session

September 7, 2023

Dear Cape George Board of Directors,

I feel angry and disappointed that this Board has agreed with a very tiny group of people (5 to be exact) on the Environmental Committee that the Dog People Group must spend thousands of dollars to fence in a new dog park and not use Memorial Park a couple of hours/day. This is a terrible idea that based on fiction.

1. **The EC's claim that the dogs are a threat to water quality is specious and unfounded.** The Dog People Group has proven that we pick up after our pets. In fact, Memorial Park is cleaner than before unleashed dogs were allowed in the park. Even the Environmental Committee agrees that we Dog People pick up after our pets. Yet the Environmental Committee wants you to believe that even if we pick up the poop *immediately*, it somehow threatens water quality in our bay. Ridiculous! If the Environmental Committee was really concerned about the water in our bay, they would be looking at actual water quality threats like failing septic systems, run-off from our roads, and the rampant use of proven toxics like Round Up that people in the neighborhood routinely spray on their yards.
2. **A fenced dog park would cost thousands of dollars, which the Dog People Group does not have.** Asking the community to raise and spend thousands of dollars on an amenity that is not used is not reasonable. Even if we had the money, where would we put a fenced dog park? There are very few green spaces in the community. Some members of the Environmental Committee have suggested the area across from the Clubhouse for a fenced dog park. This area is inundated with Poison Hemlock, something that's extremely toxic to both dogs and humans.

Other Environmental Committee members have suggested getting rid of the kids' playground. You want to deny little kids their playground? Our neighborhood has more kids than ever before. Where are these kids going to go to play? Where are grandparents in the neighborhood going to take their grand kids?

3. **Studies have shown that putting dogs of various sizes, backgrounds, and behavioral issues into a fenced area can cause undue aggression.** Some dog experts say that fences can cause some dogs to become "barrier reactive" and become aggressive when they are behind a fence. I know I will not take my dogs into a fenced dog park. I have spoken with a number of community members with dogs who feel similarly and will not use a fenced-in area for safety reasons.
4. **Environmental Committee members have suggested that off-leash dogs in Memorial Park somehow violate the peace and sanctity of this park.** Yes, the original idea for the park was to honor Club members who have passed. I bet a number of those departed members had dogs and would love to see them frolicking in the park. Why does a park honoring past members have to be like a cemetery? Besides that, the Dog People Group is asking for only 2 hours per day for dogs to visit the park. That leaves 22 hours of every day available for this "peace" the Environmental Committee so highly values.

The truth is that prior to the Dog People Group, **very few people actually visited Memorial Park.** Go to this space nearly any time of the day (other than at doggie time) and often *no one is there*. The Dog People and their pets have actually revitalized this park, breathing life and joy into it, and making it a place that is actually used by many members instead of a place visited only very rarely by a few.

The Board is supposed to make decisions for the majority of members, not just a very few. Please don't be swayed by a very small and biased group of people who want to keep a valuable green space just for their use. All of us pay for all of the amenities in this community and all of us should be able to use them.

Thank you.

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September

12, 2023

To Cape George Board and Manager

From: Varn Brooks

Subject: Dog Doo

At the environmental committee this morning two issues came up about dog doo. First is that many people are not picking up in the neighborhoods, and secondly people are piling poop bags up in the community trash cans until they overflow. Following are some of my observations and recommendations.

Dog poop in the neighborhoods has been a problem for the twenty years I have been here, but has gotten much worse in the last few years. I don't see any easy solution for this problem other than constant repeated notifications: newsletter, emails, signs?

Over the same twenty years trash cans overflowing with dog poop have been a problem. Whether a can gets filled up in three days or 3 months it doesn't seem to get emptied until it is overflowing. Asking people to take their poop home won't solve this problem and it will aggravate the problem of poop left in the neighborhoods.

I would suggest we move the trash cans to locations on the street where they could be picked up and dumped regularly, and contract to have them dumped. In heavy use areas like the playground we might have two cans, one on the lawn and one at the pickup location. Then when I'm walking by and one is full I can swap the cans out myself. Short of doing that, the cans should be dumped on a regular schedule. On many occasions I have seen a full can on Friday of a holiday weekend. Most of these cans would be easy to dump if it were done on a weekly basis.

In the 20 years I've been here the population of people and dogs has increased substantially. The solutions that worked well then are insufficient now. I think we need solutions that make it easier for people to comply with the rules, not make it more difficult.

Marnie Levy

From: Nancy Farrelly <nancyfarrelly@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 9:55 AM
To: Terri Brown
Cc: tinasilberman50@yahoo.com
Subject: process

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Terri,

I am relatively new here, a few years, but have owned my property at 500 Sunset since 1994, and of course my Uncle was here before me, my sister lives here as well.

How do I go about reaching out to stop Memorial Park from becoming off leash, meet up ? I know you're not a complaint station :), but you can please tell me the process.

For instance, should I write to the board or get signatures ?

Some dog owners are great but others just let their dogs bark non stop. Today has been barking since very early and it is really hard because sound carries, there is no way ignore it. I keep thinking some one is hurt and a dog is signaling. Lassie memories... lol.

That park was always a place of peace for our whole community to use at any time.

When people brought dogs, no one cared, because they were quiet and respectful. Now it's a barking fest for a lot of the day, dogs running, not a place that a resident would be able to use with little kids, or elderly being able to just enjoy.

Please let me know a kind and respectful way to get this to the board. I'm not alone on this, and I love dogs but we have a place for them to romp and bark, it should not be Memorial park since we have the clubhouse area.

Thank you for letting me express my dog gone disappointment :)

Nancy

cc neighbor Tina

To the Cape George Board of Trustees

September 18, 2023

Dear Board Members,

At their meeting on September 12, the Environmental Committee discussed and approved the following statement to be submitted to you and to the community.

On July 11, the Environmental Committee approved a recommendation to maintain Cape George Rule PP01 Livestock & Pets as written. The Committee serves only as an advisory body to the Board. We made our recommendation consistent with our committee's mission as stated in section 4 of the Preamble of the **Environmental Committee Charter**:

4. The Committee shall address environmental concerns including, but not limited to, (1) preservation of native plant, animal, bird, and sea life by fostering conditions that allow them to thrive, (2) development and protection of common areas, (3) gathering information and doing research regarding safety, quality of life, and good environmental policies, and (4) recommending best practice policies that will enhance environmental quality and advance community interest.

The committee commends the board for appointing an ad hoc committee to consider the issue of dog play areas in the community. We will support whatever decision the board makes on this issue. We have confidence that any decision the board makes will be one that is intended to promote harmony in the community.

Respectfully,

Ruth Ross, Secretary for the Cape George Environmental Committee

RULES AND REGULATIONS -- USE OF PRIVATE PROPERTY

LIVESTOCK AND PETS

The covenants and restrictions for Cape George Colony Club include the provision: "Keeping of livestock, pets and poultry shall be subject to the approval of the corporation in writing."

1. Livestock including poultry are permitted in the Highlands only. Livestock is defined pursuant to Washington State Revised Code (RCW16.36.05 (15)). Keeping livestock for any business purpose is not permitted.
2. Household pets are defined as dogs and cats. The number of total pets per lot with a home is Five (5). If an owner needs as exception, an owner may make a written request to the Board of Trustees. Pets that have a litter are exempt for a period of 120 days from this requirement.
3. Indoor only pets are not subject to the household pet limit.
4. Household pets are allowed in all areas of Cape George Colony Club without a formal written permit, EXCEPT THAT livestock or household pets or poultry creating a nuisance for neighbors or other residents may have approval revoked at any time, upon evidence to the Board that a nuisance situation exists.
5. When dogs are off the owner's property, they shall be on a leash at all times, EXCEPT FOR THAT area at the bottom of Marine Drive (north of the clubhouse to the south end of the marina) where they can be exercised off leash and under voice control. Owner must always be within strict line-of-sight of dog. When other members are in the specific area north of the clubhouse for different activities, (such as picnics or to use the playground) then dog owners must ask them first if it is alright to have the dog(s) off-leash.
6. Any person owning or in charge of any pet which defecates anywhere on Cape George Colony Club common property shall immediately remove the feces and deposit it in a sanitary manner. Any feces disposed in a Club trash can must be in a sealed, nonabsorbent, leak proof container.
7. Pet owners must comply with all applicable State and Jefferson County statutes and regulations dealing with pet ownership. (Please carefully read the rules and regulations published by Jefferson County Animal Services which are available from the County by contacting them at 385-3292.)

Any violation of this regulation will result in a fine levied against the member involved in accordance with Cape George Colony Club Schedule of Fines.

Approved by Board of Trustees on April 15, 2009

Approved by Board of Trustees on July 16, 2020

Katie Habegger, President

Joel Janetski, Secretary

Proposed Solution:

We propose changing Section 5/Livestock & Pets/Rules and Regulations to state the following:

When dogs are off the owner's property, they shall be on a leash at all times, EXCEPT FOR THAT area at the bottom of Marine Drive (north of the clubhouse to the south end of the marina) AND between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at Memorial Park, where they can be exercised off leash and under voice control. Owner must always be within strict line-of-sight of dog. When other members are in these areas for specific activities, (such as a memorial service, picnics or to use the playground) then dog owners must ask them first if it is alright to have the dog(s) off-leash.

CAPE GEORGE COLONY CLUB
MINUTES - AD HOC DOG GROUP COMMITTEE
August 25, 2023

Members Present:

Marta Krissovich, Jo Blair, Patty Dunmire, Kim Wilding, Susi Feller (facilitator)

Members Absent:

Allan Zee, Molly Torres

- A. The final version of the minutes of the meeting on 8/21/23 were approved. The final version of these minutes from 8/25/23 were approved via email communication with the committee members.
- B. More letters from members were forwarded by the office to the members of this committee. No new information was gleaned from the letters.
- C. One of the representatives of the change-PP01 group reminded everyone of the strong desires to keep Memorial Park as a gathering and socialization place for people and an off-leash play area for dogs. At the same time there are deep concerns about containing dogs, especially with fencing at Marina Park.
- D. The new chair of the Shoreline Stewardship Committee, Steve McDevitt, has informed one of the no-change-PP01 members of the plan to "daylight" the creek that is presently contained in a culvert underneath Memorial Park. The culvert will be removed to create a meandering, curvy swale with rocks as the creek bed designed to manage water runoff, filter pollutants, and increase rainwater infiltration. Bioswales are swales that involve the inclusion of plants or vegetation in their construction. Restoring the stream will decrease the size of the grassy area.
- E. Richard VanDemark was not able to attend the meeting, however Susi met with him on 8/24 to review with him what had been discussed and considered so far by the committee and to get his overall input and suggestions. His comments were as follows:
1. The playground presently does not meet standard guidelines for playgrounds. There are several issues including incorrect set-backs and undesirable ground cover with the type of gravel that is presently there. Also, shade is desirable for playgrounds and presently there is none.
 - The playground should be rebuilt in a more suitable location.
 - 3 suitable locations have been identified:

- At the Marina, across the street. The brush can be cut back 10-20 feet. If this site is chosen then shade trees should be planted to provide shade.
- Grassy area North side of Firehouse. This area is already shaded.
- Near the pickleball court

Playgrounds should be fenced as appropriate to the site so that the children are safe. Richard may have access to significantly better equipment at lower than usual cost. The playground equipment is due for replacement and this is already in the budget for 2024.

2. The north end of Marina Park is a reasonable spot for a dog park. The grounds that were torn up by the Berm construction should be graded and stones/rocks removed. Then seeded with either some kind of traditional grass or dutch white clover. Grasses generally will require several weeks-months to take hold. If Dutch white clover were seeded then the grounds could be used very soon after seeding. Clover would assist in erosion control. However clover has flowers and attracts bees but if mowed regularly during flowering season then bees could be avoided.

3. Once this committee has decided on a final proposal, Richard would be happy to provide specific suggestions with drawings and photos. These could be used for an all membership forum at the clubhouse prior to finalizing the proposal to the Board.

F. **Summary:**

The change-PP01 group's primary reason for requesting permanent off-leash use of Memorial Park was to provide safety for the dogs away from motorized vehicles and to allow for socialization of both the dogs and their owners and that this be accomplished without a fully fenced in dog park. The committee members worked together in collaboration and ultimately came to the conclusion that Marina Park could be converted into a safe and social place for dogs and their owners without building a fully fenced in dog park.

Dog Group Committee's Proposal:

The committee members propose that Memorial Park may be used for dogs off leash from 2:30-3:30pm daily up until but no later than 4/30/2024. This will have given the dog owners 1.5 years of use of Memorial Park since berm construction. Dog owners will avoid clustering repeatedly in the same spot (e.g. the middle of the park) to avoid excess wear and tear of one area.

1. In order to provide a safe area for dogs that allows their owners to socialize, the northern tip of Marina Park will be prepared for safe off leash dog use as soon as possible. This will include a partial fence. A permanent esthetically pleasing partial fence could be installed starting at the southern end of the brush along Marina Drive curving along the bollards and large chain that are presently in place to the garbage can (close to the opening in the chain), designating about 10,000 square feet from the northern tip heading South (Memorial Park is approximately 11,000 square feet). At that point the distance between the fence and the berm is about 40 feet. The fence

could be extended towards the berm for another 10-20 feet (or not). The remaining 20-30 feet between the fence and the berm would remain open. A "moveable" material/netting could be installed on a post at the berm and this could be dragged across and hooked to the fence as a safety barrier for those dog owners who would like to have an enclosed off leash area. This area has bathrooms, a gazebo for shade, potable water and beach access through the approved berm cross-overs.

2. Temporary fencing/netting should be installed along the berm until the vegetation has grown and matured and creates a barrier to prevent dogs from climbing over the berm. More planting of vegetation would help speed up this process.
3. Create a Dog Owner Committee. The Dog Owner Committee would oversee the design of the off leash area, engage in fundraising, help with dog waste stations and other issues as they arise.
4. Consider the options for relocating the playground:
 - a. Firehouse
 - b. Across the street from the Clubhouse.
 - c. Near the pickleball court.
5. Move Horse Shoe courts to Firehouse.
6. By moving certain recreational activities to the Firehouse, this would create some amenities in the Village which presently has no amenities.
7. Board review of all of the above.
8. If Board agrees then hold an all membership forum at Clubhouse for feedback and other suggestions. Send out a copy of the proposal to all membership for their review prior to the forum.
9. Send final proposal to the Board for review and approval/denial.

Respectfully submitted,

Susi Feller (facilitator)



Date Submitted: 9/12/2023

Water Use Efficiency Annual Performance Report - 2022

WS Name: CAPE GEORGE COLONY CLUB INC

Water System ID# : 11050 WS County: JEFFERSON

Report submitted by: *Ken Loomis*

Meter Installation Information:

Estimate the percentage of metered connections: *100%*

If not 100% metered – Did you submit a meter installation plan to DOH? *No*

Within your meter installation plan, what date did you commit to completing meter installation?

Current status of meter installation:

Production, Authorized Consumption, and Distribution System Leakage Information:

12-Month WUE Reporting Period *01/01/2022* To *12/31/2022*

Incomplete or missing data for the year? *No*

If yes, explain:

Total Water Produced & Purchased (TP) – Annual volume gallons *23,692,245* gallons

Authorized Consumption (AC) – Annual Volume in gallons *22,968,380* gallons

Distribution System Leakage – Annual Volume TP – AC *723,865* gallons

Distribution System Leakage – DSL = [(TP – AC) / TP] x 100 % *3.1 %*

3-year annual average - % *7.0 % 2020, 2021, 2022*

Goal-Setting Information:

Enter the date of most recent public forum to establish WUE goal: *12/03/2013*

Has goal been changed since last performance report? *No*

Note: Customer goal must be re-established every 6 years through a public process.

Customer WUE Goal (Demand Side):

Reduce water usage during the peak months of June through September by 2.2% from the usage the prior year. The savings will be by year, #1 218,821, #2 216,633, #3 214,466, #4 212,322, #5 210,198, #6 208,096. The total saved over 6 years 1,280,536.

Customer (Demand Side) Goal Progress:

Additional Information Regarding Supply and Demand Side WUE Efforts

Describe Progress in Reaching Goals:

- Estimate how much water you saved.
- Report progress toward meeting goals within your established timeframe.
- Identify any WUE measures you are currently implementing.
- If you established a goal to maintain a historic level (such as maintaining daily consumption at 65 gallons per person per day for the next two years) you must explain why you are unable to reduce water use below that level.

The following questions will help DOH better understand water usage, water resources management and drought response. The data will be used to provide technical assistance, not for regulatory purposes.

All questions are voluntary

Month	Date of Measurement	Static Water Level (feet below measuring point)	Dynamic Water Level (feet below measuring point)
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November			
December			

Water level data:

Please provide the following information (if known) to help us better utilize the water level data.

Well tag Id number:

Well depth:

Water level accuracy (within 0.01 ft < 1 ft ~ 1 ft)

Completion type (e.g., cased open interval, cased open-ended, cased open-ended with perforations, etc...)

Location coordinates (latitude, longitude) and accuracy of the coordinates (< 1ft, ~1ft, >100ft)

Water level parameter name (e.g. depth below measuring point, depth below top of casing, depth below ground surface)

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Monthly/Seasonal Water Usage:

What was your maximum daily water demand for the previous year (in gallons per day)?

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Water shortage response:

Did you activate any level of water shortage response plan the previous year?

- Yes No There was no need to

If you activated a water shortage response plan the previous year, what level did you activate? (Check all that apply)

- Advisory Conservation Voluntary Conservation
 Mandatory Conservation Rationing Other

What factors caused your water shortage the previous year?

- Drought Fire Landslides Earthquakes
 Flooding Water Supply Limitations Other

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Date Submitted: 8/30/2022

Water Use Efficiency Annual Performance Report - 2021

WS Name: CAPE GEORGE COLONY CLUB INC
 Water System ID# : 11050 WS County: JEFFERSON
 Report submitted by: *Jose Escalera*

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 Current status of meter installation:

Production, Authorized Consumption, and Distribution System Leakage Information:

12-Month WUE Reporting Period *01/04/2021 To 01/03/2022*
 Incomplete or missing data for the year? *No*
 If yes, explain:

Total Water Produced & Purchased (TP) – Annual volume gallons	<i>27,961,000</i> gallons
Authorized Consumption (AC) – Annual Volume in gallons	<i>25,393,665</i> gallons
Distribution System Leakage – Annual Volume TP – AC	<i>2,567,335</i> gallons
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3-year annual average - %	<i>8.7 % 2019, 2020, 2021</i>

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