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The General Managers Advisory Committee Meeting on a Dog Park will be held at the **893 Southwood Boulevard (IVGID Admin Building)** starting at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

### A. Roll call of the committee members

Committee Members: Leighton Pratt, Simi Balter, Myles Riner, Judith Miller, Michelle Lintzner, Janet Pahl, Indra Winqest, IVGID District General Manager, and Shelia Leijon, Director of Parks and Recreation.  
Administrative Support Staff: Susan Herron Guests: Kari Ferguson and Karen Kuentz of the USFS

Rules of Engagement: All committee members shall be respectful of one another and treat each other with kindness. No one member shall talk over another member. All ideas are welcome however, they may not be discussed in depth or in detail depending upon time and/or merit and that determination is solely held with the General Manager. All committee members are equal participants.

B. Discussion with Karen Kuentz, Lands and Special Uses Program Manager, Forest Service, Lake Tahoe Basin on the Forest Service site. Ms. Kuentz gave an overview of the parcel acquisition and then about use requirements as it is Burton-Santini Act land. An example of an exception is a road to a water tank and one that they use frequently. The USFS has been managing these lands for about 40 years. The Forest Supervisor makes all the decisions on uses on a special use permit and utilizes his entire staff to assist in making his decision. NEPA, Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act will be considered along with others. Their forest plan will also be considered along with other laws that apply. Process is to submit a proposal to their office and it will be vetted (15 items), once it passes an application is invited which is reviewed by their Staff and then determination is made on acceptance. They have accepted the proposal, have received an application and it is on the list to finish the screening within the next month. Dr. Riner said that the USFS is not inconsistent with the Burton-Santini Act; Ms. Kuentz confirmed that was correct. Dr. Riner asked about the reasonable accommodate words within the letter and the multitude of ways that it could be interpreted and what do we have to do to show that this site meets this standard. Ms. Kuentz said it is not specific, reasonable and that will be determined by the Forest Supervisor and others including our

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application. Ms. Kuentz said that she needs to be assured that this is the only location that can reasonably accommodate the dog park which is left to you to support that determination along with all of the reasons why the other would not reasonable accommodate the use; not black and white. Director of Parks and Recreation Leijon said that the committee has done the grading system and have narrowed it down to 2 to 3 potential locations; would that be helpful to send it to her. Ms. Kuentz said that she will need that information in order to advise the Forest Supervisor. Dr. Riner said we should identify the reasons why this site is reasonable and put it in there. Ms. Kuentz said you need to argue in favor of and justify why the USFS parcel is the best one and explain why the other sites are not desirable.

- C.** Discussion on the Dog Park Community Survey with District Communications Coordinator, Kari Ferguson
- D.** Set next meeting date/time – January 18, 2023 (proposed)
- E.** Adjournment at 6:00 p.m.