South Loop Dog PAC Board Meeting January 29, 2013 - 7:00 PM - Overflow Coffee

### In attendance:

Kirsten Agnello-Dean, Douglas Freymann, Pam Focia, Gordon Stewart

# **Meeting Minutes**

#### 1. Administrative

- November Minutes are approved.
- Thank You/Donation (TAX) Letters
  - \$32 tax deductible for regular membership. Send to business members, donations.
  - Write form letter "thank you for your donation."
    Kirsten will draft.
  - o Can be included with sending out t-shirts

# 2. Membership Drive 2013

- Materials and Web Need to Be Updated
  - Discussed switching membership from January to January instead of March one year to March of next year. Will leave the same for this year. 2013 Memberships go from March 2013 - March 2014. Doug to update.
- 2013 'Yours with Membership' item
  - New item for renewing membership instead of a t-shirt.
    Ideas:
  - Decal (doubles as local business hand out) or window clings. Check with Sign-o-rama? "Proud Supporter Of..."
     Kirsten will research.

#### Can also run stickers

- \*Doug to email file to Kirsten Hats
- o Gordon brings up the idea that we should wear our t-shirts to all dog pac events.
- Membership promo: get your free t-shirt now with all 2012 memberships

#### 3. Mutt Meet Ups

- Winter meetups as a recurring event
  - -DoGone Fun approved February and March event on a Sunday in exchange for their business membership fees.
  - -Dates available:

    - → February 17
    - February 24 No Doug/Pam Mutt Meet Up
    - o March 3

- March 10 No Gordon Mutt Meet Up
- o March 24 Kirsten Show
- o March 31 Easter
- Ideas/Improvements for next time
  - -Small dog area?
  - -Drinks only? Overflow sponsor?
  - -Better t-shirt table (t-shirts out, posters)
  - -Signs for shutting double doors
  - -Can we get in there earlier? 11:30?
  - -Poster presentation (dog pac info)
  - -Our new park poster, handouts with new park info, "What's up in the South Loop."
- 4. Friends of the Park Conference Call for Posters "Our Park Our Community Poster Session"
  - Kirsten to email contact info by 2/25
  - o Event on 3/9 @ 8:30 am
  - Will need tri-fold poster, information print outs -design by Doug
    - -ideas: new projects, past achievements, history, what we do.

#### 5. Coliseum Park

- o Community Meeting on 2/21
- Pam to contact Eve Kronen (original idea person for renovation) to see if she has any more information.
- 6. D'Angelo Park
  - Election meeting 1/30 at 6:00pm at the Harold Washington Library. Doug, Pam, Gordon planning to attend.
- 7. Chicago DFA Summit
  - Billy Sunday of MonDog has contacts from Senn, Hamlin Park, Horner, and Great Dane.
  - o Gordon to contact Billy to schedule planning meeting.
  - o Possible February Dates: wed 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 25, 27
  - Reach out to other dog committee contacts when date is settled.
- 8. Fred Anderson Park
  - Pam to contact Michael Lange for status update/schedule meeting
- 9. Metal Signs
  - o \$15 wrap plus \$3 installation of 18x24" sign
  - o 1-2 day turn around

- Copy from Gordon: "Dog friendly areas are **not** maintained by the Chicago Park District. Please clean up after your pet. Learn more info...." with dog logo.
- o Pam to mock up pdf/jpg, Gordon to find out specific file type.

#### 10. Bricks

- o 4 current orders and 5 replacements needed
- Doug to find out prices per brick for possible go ahead with orders. Around \$45 per brick plus installation.
- o Gordon to price out with company in Florida.

# 11. Treasury

- o Gordon needs \$5.16 for shipping costs for t-shirts
- Should accumulate a small back stock of dog toys/gifts for events.
- Mutt Meet-Up made \$76 in donations. Cost was \$14 for refreshments.

#### ONGOING IDEAS

- a. BRICK DRIVE
- b. Budget for 2013
- c. Business membership drive
- d. Charity Tax-exemption
- e. CHICAGO DFA SUMMIT/ORGANIZATION
- f. Coliseum Park / Eve kronen / CPD followup
- g. Condo 'You have a dog' packet / Condo reach-out
- h. D'ANGELO PARK DFA FOLLOWUP
- i. Decals (South Loop dog pac) for 2013
- j. Dog Etiquette postings
- k. F.O.T.P INTERACTION/ MARCH 'POSTER SESSION'
- 1. Fred Anderson Park / CPD followup
- m. METAL SIGNS 'THIS PARK MAINTAINED BY..'
- n. ONGOING BLOG POSTS
- o. ORGANIZING PARK-SPECIFIC GROUPS (GBP/CPDR)
- p. Protocols & procedures
- g. 'Why SLDogPAC is 'Green' for Greener South Loop
- r. YELLOWDOG RIBBON CAMPAIGN