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Hello

info in this note (apologies in advance for its length):

- a summary of our meeting last Thursday
- a description of the usage survey on Yahoo Group DogPac\_IL
- PR invitation

#### MEETING SUMMARY

14 Nov 02

Participants: Jerri, Gail, Marion, Sarah, Jackie, Kristine

- 1) THANK YOU Jerri for making your house available at such a busy time (hope your proposal went OK!)
- 2) we agreed to pursue two sites in parallel:
  - a) the Park District site (most southern part, that has long grass now, is partially fenced in, and is accessible by going down slopes on west and southern sides.
  - b) the Metra site (north of CPD site, not accessible currently, much larger and entirely flat)
- 3) Marion is drafting a letter to Metra to propose this idea
- 4) we agreed that we need to aggressively promote responsible dog behavior, but did not plan any specific action...YET!
- 5) we agreed that we need people to step up and lead efforts for:
  - a) membership
  - b) community meetings
  - c) site usage surveys (more later)
  - d) petitions
  - e) fundraising
  - f) park design (eventually)
- 6) we agreed to meet next on Thursday, 5 Dec at 5:30 at Sarah's school (Harrington Institute, 430 S. Michigan) she will send along room location info.
- 7) we agreed to each try to bring to the meeting a friend/neighbor to help get this thing off the ground. (Don't forget!!!)

#### USAGE SURVEY

I figured, no time like Now to get started.

Jeff & Blyth Veltman are the developers/owners of Southloopdogs.com (check it out if you haven't yet) and arranged a Yahoo Group last summer (Aug 01) to support the dog park effort when we were pursuing Oscar D'Angelo Park. (long story there, for another time). They have updated the usage survey for that effort to support our efforts now at Roosevelt & Michigan. If you did not get a message from me

