

Meeting held @ Grant Bark Park 7:00 pm

*Present:* Juli Valdez, Doug Freymann, Lynda Young, & Stephanie Daugherty. *Absent:* Wendy Ito. Also *present:* members Sarah Pillsbury & Jeanette Johnson, park users Chris Crevier, Sabrena Correa, & Dan Gifford, and Stephen Reginald of southloopconnection.blogspot.com.

## 1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- Approval of the August 5th meeting minutes distributed on 7.19.10 – passed 4:0
- Approval (by email) of web hosting change from Mochahost to Host Duplex, yearly cost \$108 for the 'Business Advantage Plan', effective immediately – passed 4:0
- The board noted the resignation of Chloe Keidaish, who is moving away from Chicago, with thanks for her contributions to the SLDogPAC and particularly for the pictures of dogs at GBP posted on Facebook!
- Board member recruitment remains a huge issue for the organization. Attendee Chris Crevier indicated an interest in perhaps serving in the role of Secretary, and will follow up at the September meeting.

## 2. REVIEW OF GRANT BARK PARK FACILITIES

- What are left of the wading pools will be left at the park and discarded once the water is shut off for winter. We'll purchase new pools in the Spring.
- Notices of the 'Pool Rules' policy have been posted on the lockbox. Sarah will be providing a bottle of dilute bleach solution to be stored in the lockbox (and used for sanitizing the wading pools). Park users appear to have been fairly diligent about discarding and refilling the pools during the day.
- It was agreed, once again, that we need a lockable storage solution, but nobody has done anything about it.
- Motion to purchase a 60"x36" outdoor enclosed corkboard from DirectAdvantage for \$316.93+shipping, approved 4:0. The bulletin board will be installed on the chain link fence in the neighborhood of the poo bag dispenser on the south east side of the park. The Chicago Park District will be contacted to arrange the installation of the board once it arrives.
- Motion to purchase a 36"x36" outdoor enclosed corkboard from DirectAdvantage for <\$200, for installation at Coliseum Park Dog Run, approved 4:0. This installation will be more difficult because the fence height at CPDR is not sufficient. The CPD will be contacted to discuss details, particularly installation of mounting posts at the park.

- The board agreed that it would be a good idea to repaint the kiosk to remove the pencil lines drawn across it, and also as an opportunity to install 'Gail's Big Bone'. Bones will be removed, the kiosk painted, and the bones reinstalled in a slightly different configuration to accommodate the 'big bone'. This will be done sometime in October.
- Chris suggested installing some sort of agility equipment and obstacles in the gravel area. This seems like it might be a good idea – Chris will look into options, and we can discuss feasibility and costs at the September meeting.
- New hoses are not needed.
- Motion to approve costs of up to \$50 for a First Aid Kit (perhaps a 'doggie' kit?) to be installed at the park, passed 4:0.
- Motion to approve costs of up to \$50 for a water-free hand sanitizer dispenser to be installed at the park, passed 4:0.
- Chicago Veterinary Emergency Services and the local veterinary hospitals (South Loop; Burnham Park) will be contacted to obtain 'refrigerator information magnets' to be left stuck onto the lock box. Furnetic magnetics have been left there already.
- It was agreed that there is no need for 'leash hangers', 'installation of a rain barrel', or installation of a 'shade sail'.
- It was agreed that the pea gravel will be replaced in Spring 2011, and that planning for gravel replacement should begin now in order to determine costs and scheduling issues ahead of time. Lynda agreed to 'take care of' contacting Mary Gawenda and coming up with initial estimates for how much gravel is required, and how much the gravel and the installation will cost us. The issue will be discussed at the November meeting.
- An idea (from 2008) to contact local schools to see if we could get volunteers to paint 'fence murals' was broached again, with the suggestion that perhaps such murals could be used to decorate the meshing that we need to install along the west side fence to prevent gravel loss to the railroad tracks below. Stephanie agreed to initiate contact with local institutions about this idea.
- At 8pm it was noticed that there was absolutely no lighting in the dog park, the only lighting being spillover from the adjacent tennis courts area. Doug agreed to contact CPD about the situation.

### 3. BASH ON WABASH

- Stephanie is coordinating signups for volunteer support at Bash on Wabash, September 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Lynda will install a shade at our assigned space the evening before the event.

- Juli reported that Bobbi Panter Natural Pet Products will share our booth space to sell dog shampoos and will donate 30% of the proceeds to the South Loop Dog PAC.
- There are a lot of water bowls in the SLDogPAC storage unit (Doug will get them).
- Flyer revisions are in progress (see below) and should be ready in time for the event.

#### 4. FORMS REVISIONS

- A revision of the commemorative brick order form was discussed and approved. The proposed pricing of \$150/brick was deemed too high, and the board agreed 4:0 to set a single price of \$100/brick, with no restrictions on the number of lines (i.e. up to 5 allowed, if requested). The new forms will be printed in time for Bash on Wabash.
- A proposal for 'Where is the Park' postcards was presented and approved. Doug will get these printed on card stock in time for Bash on Wabash.
- A revision of GotADog flyers was discussed. Based on feedback from the park users at the meeting, it was agreed to retain the old format (long-thin), but to revise the text to remove 'no dog' items and to allow the membership information portion to be cut and sent without losing other information on the flyer. Lynda will submit a revision to the board within the week and will prepare flyers in time for Bash on Wabash.
- There was no discussion of membership brochures.
- There has been no progress on business cards. Lynda has agreed to revise the business cards to include numerous changes:
  - i. Slogan 'Support your local dog parks'
  - ii. Email address to [info@southloopdogpac.org](mailto:info@southloopdogpac.org)
  - iii. Addition of Facebook and Twitter icons

Following review, business cards will be ordered & printed, hopefully, so that they are available for the GBP September table.

#### 5. GROOMER'S DAY

- A South Loop Dog PAC Groomer's Day at Kriser's is scheduled for Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>. 50% (Juli – is this correct?) of proceeds will be donated to the SLDogPAC.
- Once we know ~how many slots are available, and the hours of operation, we'll post announcements on Facebook and the website, and will put up flyers at GBP. This should be done by Monday August 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### 6. SWAG

- Sarah presented a design and pricing options for 200 bandanas to be printed before Bash on Wabash. Design elements (revised) include 'I'm a South Loop Dog', a pawprint,

'South Loop Dog PAC', the slogan 'Support your local dog parks', and 'southloopdogpac.org'.

- o Motion to approve costs of up to \$300 to order bandanas and have them printed approved 4:0. Sarah was given a check to cover her costs up to that amount.

#### 7. TABLED ITEMS

- o No discussion of planning for a Fall cleanup at GBP and Coliseum Park Dog Run. This will be discussed at the September meeting.
- o No discussion of Park Banner text and design – so there will be no banner at the Bash on Wabash – and no discussion of proposed 'simplified rules' messages & graphics. These will be discussed at the September meeting.

#### 8. OPEN FORUM

- o Stephen Reginald asked for information and discussion about the proposed 16<sup>th</sup> x Wabash DFA, currently in the planning stages courtesy of the Alderman's initiative. It was thought that it may be time begin reaching out to gauge, and to marshall, community support. How to coordinate this effort given everyone's other obligations, however, remains somewhat problematic.

#### 9. NEXT MEETING

- o The September meeting is scheduled for Monday September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Location to be determined.
- o It was agreed that the board should continue to periodically hold meetings at Grant Bark Park. The lock box works reasonably well as a 'table'.

Doug Freymann, Secretary

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