

SLDogPAC board meeting

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

61 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St.

Present: Doug Freymann, Pamela Focia, Dennis Kalup

## Minutes

### 1. Board Business

- a. December Minutes approved 3:0

### 2. Fred Anderson Park

- a. Remaining issues discussed - for future attention:

- i. CPD plastic base fencing in small dog area may not be permanent, we should keep monitoring it for issues.
- ii. Latches are not aligned yet. Serious issue. CPD is aware of it.
- iii. CPD has a punchlist for the entire park; SLDogPAC rep will be invited to participate in review later this spring.
- iv. Lighting is somewhat of a concern - Sufficient near entrances? Center of park
- v. Abrupt edge in concrete step - small dog area. Has been discussed with CPD; proposal to place a large planter (e.g.) to prevent collisions.
- vi. High ledge in large dog area - how to fix? Should bring up with MacManus, as well, as a dogpark design issue.
- vii. Shades are small (!). Could be bigger.
- viii. We need a bulletin board inside the park. CPD should supply - installation near east entrance.

- b. Cleaning tools for storage bin

- i. Bins are not really appropriate for storage. May be able to work with them if we install a palette.
- ii. Not secure for expensive equipment (e.g. a powerwasher). Possible solution (request from CPD) - hammer drill and install a large eyebolt into the concrete base inside each storage bin to secure a chain.
- iii. We will move some shovels from GBP and CPDR to the bins for park user access.

- c. Dogparks101 & small ball sign

- i. Draft revision ( 'watch your dog' ) discussed: use a larger format print to provide negative space, and get laminated.
- ii. Small dog sign in the works to be posted 'real soon now'

### 3. Membership

- a. Acknowledgement letters

- i. Just need to be finished up and sent. DMF will address this in the next few days.

- b. Membership card
    - i. Agreement with the membership card proposal distributed last month. DMF will follow up with local printer to find out costs/feasibility. Long term - build on membership card to offer discounts at local businesses.
  - c. Yearly meeting ideas
    - i. Preliminary contact with Vice is encouraging. Dennis to follow up for an April or May meeting date.
4. Aggressive Dogs Info Board
- a. Design ideas
    - i. Discussed proposed structure as having three elements: signage providing resources for 'avoidance', signage providing resources during/after an altercation, and provision of a form to report important information.
    - ii. Dennis will develop this further.
5. Winter Events
- a. Mutt Meetups
    - i. First meetup scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Four Meetups scheduled through April. Pam is coordinating this.
    - ii. Initial announcements to Facebook right away; Fetch to go out over the weekend.
    - iii. Agreement on - 'Free to Members / \$5 donation requested from non-Members (or Join!).'
6. Summer Events
- a. May 31<sup>st</sup> date 'settled' for Fred Anderson Park Grand Opening. Pam and FANPAC are coordinating this. Will be a big deal.
  - b. Expect to coordinate with Lollapalooza to hold a dog adoption event at Grant Bark Park. Pam is in touch with representatives and will follow up. Would be nice to be able to allow parking in grass to the east of GBP.
7. Maintenance planning
- a. Cleanup dates [Tabled for now]
  - b. Winter issues (sand/ash)
    - i. Will get buckets, sand, and scoops to all four parks in the next week.
  - c. Other issues:
    - i. Pam will make copies of the CPD bulletin board key.
    - ii. Pam will make signs about poobag costs/use to place on dispensers.
8. Chicago Dogs
- a. Maggie Daley park
    - i. Agreement that this is an important issue. Concern that BS claims in the media are not being rebutted. Concerns that DFA committee

mailing list has been completely quiet about the issue.

- ii. DMF will work on some blog posts as time permits.
  
- b. Southeast side DFA
  - i. We were contacted and provided info to a group coordinating development of a DFA on the Southeast side of Chicago.
- c. Bronzeville DFA
  - i. No further developments, as far as we know. Only proposal on the table for Buckthorn/Pendleton park (43<sup>rd</sup>/Calumet) is a standard CPD-design asphalt/pea-gravel pocket under the tracks.

9. Next Meeting

- a. Next meeting scheduled for Friday Mar 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm

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