

South Loop Dog PAC Board Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2013, at Overflow Coffee.

Board members present: Gordon Stewart, Pamela Focia, Doug Freymann. *Also present:* Tammy Eich, Brian Bishop.

1. Administrative

- a. Additions to the agenda invited; none noted.
- b. March meeting minutes approved 3:0
- c. Purchase of 10000 dog waste bags from dogpoopbags.com for \$315 - approved 3:0 [*Note: Bag usage has increased significantly from the previous year. Previous order was 3 months ago.*]
- d. Pending items:
 - i. dmf reported that the IRS Form 990 was submitted in April. Also the AG-990-IL financial report form was submitted in early June. All is good.
 - ii. PJF requested \$100 to support attendance at Sue Sternberg's seminar 'Avoiding Dog Park Danger', scheduled for July 16th. Gordon questioned the value of the seminar to us, and that the money would be better spent on membership trinkets. dmf suggested that Pam list questions that we might be specifically interested in: e.g. how park size might affect the outcomes to dog conflict? Once we have more info, we can vote on this issue. [*Note: subsequently Janis Taylor announced a reception prior to the event being offered exclusively for DFA support representatives. Attendance for Chicago DFA people will only cost \$50. pjf will attend.*]

2. Membership Drive 2013

- a. We owe new South Loop Dog PAC window clings to each of our members for 2013 (as well as owing a couple of T-shirts still to be sent out). dmf agreed to take care of this by early July.
- b. Gordon agreed to visit local businesses to try to distribute remaining window clings for display. dmf will organize a list of businesses.
- c. Extensive discussion of active membership with valuable input from Tammy and Brian.

Critique:

- i. People are oblivious.
 - ii. There's nothing invitational!
 - iii. Need exposure!
- [*Note: these same issues have been a concern for years and years!*]

Ideas:

- i. need Events (*some highlighted below*)
- ii. need Training event at parks [*e.g. trick class idea first discussed March '10*]

- iii. need neighborhood dogs pictures [*e.g. pictures taken and posted over the summer a couple of years ago. discussed several times as potential blog posts.*]
- iv. get vets to talk about stuff as an SLDogPAC event [*Note: possible coordination with Metro Vet dog safety presentation this summer.*]
- v. coffeeklatsch? [*coffee at parks in the area + pick up poo, etc. last klatsch held in May 2008.*]
- vi. coordinate with Well Pharmacy? [*they have dog stuff*]
- vii. local business coupon distribution?
- viii. **personal contact**: call or meet to followup. when members signup should have a followup call to talk to them.
- ix. **survey**: send questions to our mailing list - what do you want? would you be interested in? join the dog pac 'family'? need your voice to help dog parks happen. [*note: important to get information that we can turn around and take action on*]
- x. **table in the parks** [*informational tables are planned - first to be at d'Angelo DFA in July*]
- xi. **dog walk event** [*A 'tour de dog' was considered in 2009, to be in cooperation with South Loop Neighbors. at the time, too much work. possible inspiration from recent GSLA neighborhood event?*]
- xii. mutt meetup - free members/ \$10 for non members.

d. Agreed to assemble and distribute a survey both online and to be distributed at area parks. [*Note: can build on the brief Aug '12 informational survey.*]

e. Motion to hold a South Loop 'Dog Walk' event later this summer, passed 3:0. Planning to begin immediately.

3. Park Development

a. Fred Anderson Park

- i. Pam provided update from Michael Lange at CPD. Project expected to be out to bid, approved July/August, and construction start September.
- ii. Suggestion made to attend the CPD board meeting in July. [*Note: CPD cancelled meeting, next CPD board meeting is August 14th*]

b. Coliseum Park DFA

- i. Reviewed drawings received from CPD meeting on 5/31/13. DFA will be resurfaced, expanded to the east, and a second gate installed at the south end. [*Note: plans made public at Alderman's meeting on 7.9.13*]

c. d'Angelo Park DFA

- i. Reviewed CDOT improvements per our suggestions earlier this year, including - low wall around gravel area, gravel retaining mesh, small dog retaining mesh. A fenced 'small dog area' is to be

constructed in July, and posts for a bulletin board to be installed.
[*Note: now completed*].

ii. Should recruit actual dog owners - rather than management - to help support the bag dispenser.

iii. No information from Leslie Recht about the funding of the improvements yet.

4. Brick Drive

a. PJF will be taking care of the brick orders in the next month.

b. Expected delivery would be late Summer. Agreed that we should schedule/announce a 'big unveiling' of the new bricks when they are installed.

5. Other items

a. Thank you notes to business members

Pam plans to take care of this in July.

b. Dog etiquette postings

We will put these off until the Fall.

c. Sign boards information

Need to get information about sign blanks from QDP.

6. Next meeting

Scheduled for Thursday, July 18th [*Note: changed 7.10.13*].

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