

South Loop Dog PAC Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2013, at Overflow Coffee.

In attendance: Gordon Stewart, Pamela Focia, Doug Freymann,

1. Administrative

- a. Jan 29 meeting minutes, as amended - approved 3:0
- b. Purchase of 10000 dog waste bags from dogpoopbags.com for \$315 - approved 3:0
- c. The SLDogPAC board acknowledges the resignation of Kirsten Agnello-Dean (Secretary) and thanks her for her contributions.
- d. Reimbursement of \$80.12 to Gordon Stewart for event supplies - approved 3:0

2. d'Angelo Park DFA

- a. Ratification of email vote approving proposal to serve as DFA Committee for the new d'Angelo Park DFA for a period of one year, in collaboration with management at 235VB and in return for a donation towards SLDogPAC operating funds - approved 3:0
- b. Doug updated board on developments at d'Angelo Park DFA: we have ordered a dog waste bag dispenser and will install next week. We have sent CDOT and CPD a letter enumerating significant design issues with the park, and will be meeting with Janis Taylor and representatives of CDOT to discuss next week. We have submitted a FOIA request to obtain and understanding of the (flawed) design and approval process for this DFA.

3. Friends of the Park event

- a. Gordon agreed to try to attend the Friends of the Park Park Advocacy Conference to be held Saturday March 9th, if he is able.

4. City-wide DFA event

- a. Planning for a city-wide DFA 'Summit' is on hold for March. At the end of the month we will send out a call for interest in trying to get together to organize and come up with ideas. Bill Sunday of Mondog has been in touch about this, but we are all busy.

5. Vinyl Wrap signage

- a. We now know the format required (.ai vector file) and size (18"x24") for the sign blanks that Gordon has obtained. The design will be finalized by Pam and submitted ASAP. Gordon has identified a vendor who is willing to work with us.

6. Tax Reminder Letter

- a. Still to be done - write and send a tax reminder letter to last year's membership reminding them that their membership contribution and/or donation is a tax deductible. Doug will finish based on our current draft.

7. Mutt Meet-up Planning

- a. Planning for March 10 Mutt Meet-up. Doug and Pam will organize. Gordon provided an overview of lessons learned and setup ideas based on experience from the previous two Mutt Meet-ups held at Dogone Fun.
- b. Dogone Fun has been remarkably supportive, and have provided a mop/bucket, tables, trash can, and chairs.
- c. Pam will contact local businesses and business members for support: Metro Vet, South Loop Animal Hospital, Well Future Pharmacy, Dogone Fun, Overflow Coffee.
- d. Pick up T-shirts and supplies from Gordon on Saturday.

8. Coliseum Park

- a. The CPD 'presentation' about Coliseum Park plans at Alderman Dowell's Third Ward Town Hall on February 25th was disappointing and not particularly informative.
- b. It is not clear yet how CPD is addressing longstanding problems with the DFA. It was suggested that we need i) real information about the plan and ii) to communicate to the Alderman that SLDogPAC and the local user community have real concerns with the park that we would like to see addressed. In order to avoid conflicting efforts, it's important that all parties understand what those issues are (e.g. gravel spaces badly designed, drainage pooling, etc).
- c. Doug will draft a letter outlining the stuff that's needed at the DFA, for revision by the board within the next few weeks.

10. Next meeting

- a. We will try to organize the next board meeting to facilitate participation by users of d'Angelo Park DFA (primarily 235VB residents, for now). Tentative scheduling for the week of March 25th.