

# **SOUTH LOOP DOG PAC BOARD MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15, 2012

ATTENDANCE: DOUG, PAM, KATE, JILL, GORDON

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### DECEMBER & JANUARY MINUTES

Review & approval (versions 1/23/12 (Nov) and 1/29/12 (Jan)). APPROVED

### SPECIAL GUEST: GAIL MERRITT – GREENER SOUTH LOOP

- SLDogPAC is a member of the Greener South Loop Alliance – goal is to find out how the Alliance can better support the group's efforts in green practices/messages related to our Activities. How to create a more visible/productive alliance w/ the Alliance.
- Discussed how we can be involved in Meatless Monday promotion.
- Participated in market research for new project.
- Agreed to promote their events/activities in Fetch.
- Discussed adding a web banner on our website.
- Discussed adding the Alliance as a topic at our meetings.

### OFFICER TRANSITIONS

Kate signature on Chicago Community Bank form; PO Box key to Kate; Approval of payment of \$70 fee for USPS PO Box for 2012-2013; DMF will send to Roy Svenson at CCB copies of a) Resolution form signed by the organization Secretary, b) Copy of the Articles of Incorporation, c) IRS Letter with the Tax Number, d) copy of minutes reflecting the new officers.

### T-SHIRT MANAGEMENT

- Update about website forms; T-shirt management; Revisit 2012 “T-shirt with Membership” plan; Status of original artwork from Gail Merritt.
- Pam, Gordon, and Jill agreed to help with sending out t-shirts with new and renewed memberships. Gordon to get t-shirts from Kate.

### *FETCH!* - CHANGES TO HEADER/DESIGN & TOPICS

- Topics for next issue; Design changes.
- February Fetch went out.
- Added topic document to Dropbox for future issues.

### SOUTH LOOP DOG PAC BLOG

- Plan for inclusion of Jill's Miami blog posts as periodic posts at southloopdogpac.org. Doug to add these stories to Dropbox folder.
- Discussed asking dog owners to send pictures in of South Loop dogs and adding to blog rotation. Include request in Fetch.

## GRANT BARK PARK

Review proposed sign about watching for paw damage; Plan for finishing installation of gravel mesh at north and south ends.

## COLISEUM PARK DOG RUN

Status of 'CPDR user group' recruitment; status of Eve Kronen initiative with Alderman Dowell; update about storage shed lock.

Eve Kronen: " Here is what I spoke with the Alderman and Chicago Park District about:

Slow in doing any sort of repairs to the park whether it be trees that have fallen due to storms or lighting. Appears no routine/scheduled maintenance to the park. Trash I understand is on winter schedule every 2 weeks ... Not enough.

Dog area worn out and materials are obsolete so is the dog run.

Doug..I worked with the PD to design that park with dog friendly area. Believe when I say what we agreed to at the time was not what the neighborhood got. That dog run is way to narrow, dark and not safe for 2 or 4 legged users. The park was great when none were around except Cottontail.

GSLA in its infancy got this rolling as one of its first initiatives.

Play area no longer good for kids over 2 years. Have friends with infants to teens in the area and they will not use the park because it's dirty and worn down.

Chicago Park District said an agreement was in place that the neighborhood would maintain this park. I told them with 100% certainty that was not the deal that's why is why I was so surprised dog PAC was maintaining. Not in the plan at the time..with newer parks yes but not this one.

Thanks for reaching out."

## 16<sup>TH</sup> & WABASH DOG PARK

Progress with social media/web presence; Update and/or recent information.

## WINTER EVENTS – CAR WASH PARTY, ETC, ETC.

DogGoneFun proposal status: Membership Kickoff event slated for April 15.