

SLDogPAC Board Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2014 61 W. 15th St.

Present: Douglas Freymann, Pamela Focia, Dennis Kalup

1. Board Business

- a. Approved June Minutes (6.6.14 meeting) - passed 2:0
- b. Dennis Kalup discussed his experience supporting dog park in PA, membership on board, management of dog walking/pet sitting company, currently at SLAH.
- c. Pamela Focia reviewed SLDogPAC history and aims.
- d. Motion to appoint Dennis Kalup to the SLDogPAC board - passed 2:0. Thank you, Dennis!
- e. Need to add Dennis (and Ricci at d' Angelo DFA) to the Google voice notification number (i.e. to respond to need for bags at the parks).
- f. Motion to amend the SLDogPAC ByLaws to delete reference to term limits - passed 3:0

2. Upcoming Cleanups

- a. Brief discussion of upcoming cleanups at Grant Bark Park, Coliseum Park Dog Run and dAngelo Park DFA. Routine details.
- b. Following reach-out to the DFA officers mailing list, we will be able to borrow a powerwasher from Churchill Park Dog Park. Contact there is Mary Antonakos.

3. Fall/Winter Events

- a. Wiggles & Giggles Halloween Bash - tentative for October 30th. Pam is coordinating this (permits, participants, etc).
- b. Mutt Meetups will be held again. Tabled for now.

4. Fred Anderson Park

- a. May be moving a little slower than hoped.
- b. We have contacted the CPD to ask for, promote the addition of a winter shelter at the park (e.g. something like a bus shelter, perhaps heated) to make users more comfortable at the park during winter months. Limited response to this idea. There may be ways to DIY a shelter, subsequent to the opening of the park.
- c. Motion to purchase two poo bag dispensers for Fred Anderson Park - passed 3:0. Motion to purchase a 'SLDogPAC supports this park' sign (as installed at the other South Loop parks) - passed 3:0

5. Aggressive Dogs Info Board

- a. Plan is to provide resources when incidents occur between dogs. Also to provide a mechanism to keep track of incidents.

- b. Dennis has materials for exactly this type of signage based on Philadelphia dog park support. We can begin drafting a sign based on his materials over the next month.
6. Improving Park Support
- a. Briefly discussed recruiting a point person for each South Loop park. Put on hold for now.
 - b. Discussion of membership ideas:
 - i. 'Membership' as important for increasing 'ownership' and involvement with maintenance of the parks.
 - ii. Should hold membership drives *at* the parks
 - iii. Have a period of offering 'half price' memberships, e.g. for the Fall. Consensus was that this is a great idea.
7. Other items
- a. Doug will follow up with Janis at the CPD about the signs that were promised but not delivered: a) 'This park supported by this group' signage, and b) 'Emergency Vet contact' signage.
 - b. We need to complete a poo bag usage audit - try to get this done by next meeting.
8. Projects pending
- a. Survey - still in development.
 - b. Membership cards - need some design ideas
 - c. Tax reminder letter - critical to get a mechanism in place for this, finally
 - d. Condo Reach-out packet - long term project never moved forward; Dennis has a master list of pet-friendly condos that we can reference.
9. Next Meeting
- a. To be scheduled.