

SLDogPAC board meeting
December 3rd, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Present: Doug Freymann, Pamela Focia, Dennis Kalup
61 W. 15th St.

1. Board Business

a. Secretary of State Filing (NFP Annual Report)

- i. dmf reported that the annual report had been filed.

b. September Minutes

- i. Approve 3:0

2. Fall/Winter Events

a. Mutt Meetups [last year started organizing mid Jan, so 1st in Feb]

- i. Pam will begin organizing now (will contact Dogone Fun! re availability).
- ii. Want to hold first Meetups in ~mid January
- iii. Plan is “free for members, \$5 for everyone else”

b. Yearly meeting

- i. Proposal to hold the required yearly ‘membership meeting’ as an ‘event’ at Vice City.
- ii. Would schedule for late winter/early spring?
- iii. Dennis will contact them about feasibility.

3. Fred Anderson Park

a. Dispensers and signage [walkthrough planned for 12/9 9:30a]

- i. Discussion of need for bulletin boards in the park.

4. Membership

a. Acknowledgement letters

- i. Dennis to draft; dmf to assemble mailing list; to go out 1st week of January.

b. Mailing list Survey

- i. [tabled for now]

c. Membership plan for 2015 [current: \$40/\$85/\$150, April 1st -> Mar 31st]

- i. Brief discussion; current scheme is ok
- ii. Membership card
 1. Proposal to provide a card to all members
 2. Question: how to get a **good quality** card made?
 3. dmf / Dennis to sketch out ideas for design.

5. Aggressive Dogs Info Board

a. Design elements

- i. Dennis not clear on what we want; dmf to sketch out ideas from previous discussions ~a year ago.
- b. *Sign printing [previously: QDP Wraps Inc. 2237 N. Western, 4 printed wraps on provided signs (18"x24") for \$80.00]*
 - i. Followup to be done.

6. *Grant Bark Park Lighting*

- a. *[see correspondence below]*
 - i. Per letter - expect 4-5 lights to cost \$10K
 - ii. PJF to craft response.
 - iii. Might be worth contacting Alderman about this
 - iv. &/or media... lighting will become a significant issue in late Jan/February

7. *Park Maintenance*

- a. *Leaf blowing [currently kept with Jerry Orloff; schedule?]*
 - i. dmf will try to schedule with Jerry to learn how.
- b. *Winter issues / Kitty Litter*
 - i. Dennis suggests sand/ash mix; possible available at Home Depot.
- c. *Order poo bags [cost: \$327 for 10K shipped; 235 WVB support for dAP bags]*
 - i. Approved 3:0
 - ii. Need to follow up with 235 WVB about continuing support for bag \$\$.
- d. *Cleanup Planning*
 - i. Put this on the agenda for January
 - ii. Goal is to schedule 'Major' cleanups at each of the parks.
 - iii. Also to setup a schedule (or day) for 'routine' 'minor' cleanups - i.e. encourage users 'hey, every [1st Thursday] everybody cleans up a bit!'

8. *CPD Issues*

- a. *PETCO Unleashed [see correspondence below]*
 - i. Dennis to reach out to Steve Grzanich of Puptown.
 - ii. Possible meeting about this in January?
 - iii. Will add 'what do you think about PETCo sponsorship of GBP?' to the next Fetch! mailing.

9. *Update on Chicago DFA efforts*

- a. *Bronzeville & others... [no followup from Alderman Dowell; mailing list?]*
 - i. PJF to contact Alderman Dowell.
 - ii. Also, should touch base with Skinner, McKinley, West Loop groups.
 - iii. dmf wil write a blog post about 'what we' ve learned about DFA stuff'

10. *Review of prior/pending task list*

11. Next Meeting

- a. Scheduled for Wednesday January 7th, 2015 at 6:30pm
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From last meeting, still to be done:

- a. *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).*
 - i. *dmf to get this done.*
 - b. *Should hold membership drives at the parks*
 - c. *Have a period of offering 'half price' memberships, e.g. for the Fall. Consensus was that this is a great idea.*
 - d. *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.*
 - e. *We need to complete a poo bag usage audit - try to get this done by next meeting.*
 - f. *Survey - still in development.*
 - g. *Condo Reach-out packet - long term project never moved forward; Dennis has a master list of pet-friendly condos that we can reference.*
 - i. *Should reach out to 1620 S. Michigan/Jeanette about condo support, and \$ support for poo bags at Fred Anderson Park Dog Park.*
 - h. *Chicago Park District to promote of support committees on signage*
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Re: Lighting at GBP:

Bob O'Neill <boboneill@grantparkconservancy.com>
October 29, 2014

Doug,

We looked at the site. It would require putting more lights in. They are \$2000.00 per lamp standard. Would SLDogPAC be willing to fund them? I would be able to have them installed.

Thanks, Bob.

There is one lightpost outside the south entrance of the park. (There are a total of only three (3) light sources for the whole Grant Bark Park area.):



Re: PETCo Unleashed:

On Oct 3, 2014, at 3:18 PM, douglas freymann <dfreymann@mac.com> wrote:

Janis,

- 1) We object to Petco Unleashed at Grant Bark Park.
 - 2) We use handled bags in all of our poop bag dispensers, they do not accommodate roll bags, so we are not interested.
 - 3) We do not think Petco can really add anything to our events that we do not already get from our membership and community business supporters, and are concerned their presence could have a negative effect.
 - 4) We have over 600 email addresses on our list, however we promise each of them that we will not share or sell their addresses, and we don't intend to go back on our word.
- doug

On Oct 1, 2014, at 12:55 PM, Taylor, Janis <janis.taylor@chicagoparkdistrict.com> wrote:

Hello everyone,

The Park District is reaching the time to discuss renewal of the Petco Unleashed sponsorship for 2015. There is information we need in order to assist us in the presentation to them.

- We wish to add Grant Bark Park to the list.
Foster Beach has not been a very strong property for them, so we need to get them in a stronger DFA.
- 2. They do have poop bags, that come in rolls of 200. If the parks dispensers will fit those, they may donate them. Can you tell us the type or style of dispenser you have?
- 3. They are looking for a list of pre-existing events at the parks that they can join and make better. They would like to do both some of their own events, and also join your events. Do you have a listing of events for 2015? What do you think Petco can bring to your events?
- 4. They would like you to share your email listing with them. Let me know if you would be okay with that. How many people are on your email listing?

It would be helpful to get the information from you as soon as possible.
If you have questions, do not hesitate to call me.

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