

South Loop Dog PAC Board Meeting 8.5.15

Minutes

(quick & dirty)

Meeting held at Fred Anderson Park Dog Park. Present: Pamela Focia, Doug Freymann, Dennis Kalup; numerous patrons of the Fred Anderson Park Dog Park also participated. PJF led the meeting.

- ∅ Administrative
 - ✓ Minutes of 3.15.15 meeting approved 3:0
 - ✓ Purchase a long hose for Coliseum Park Dog Run approved 3:0
 - ✓ Purchase/donation of power washer – tabled for now.
- ∅ Membership
 - ✓ Brief discussion of membership drive efforts – mailings to go out real soon now.
 - ✓ Only two of 20 or so people at the meeting were members. Only 2-3 of 20 or so people knew about SLDogPAC. None indicated that they followed on Facebook/Twitter.
 - ✓ PJF emphasized to participants that their support was essential for poop bags, activities, signage, support.
- ∅ Summer/Fall events
 - ✓ Strong support for evening at local brewery – Dennis coordinating.
 - ✓ Concern about adoption event at park ('we all have dogs already'). Suggestion that everyone 'bring a friend' who might want to adopt.
 - ✓ Canine cruise? Note that we have an offer from Canine Cruise to follow up.
 - ✓ Indoor pool party – noted that this would be best in Winter.
 - ✓ Idea of having a trainer present at Fred Anderson PDP. Suggestion to fence off an end of the park for a session; permit issues briefly discussed. Interesting idea to be followed up.
- ∅ Maintenance issues
 - ✓ The canine 'grass' is pulling out and accumulating in piles around the park. Jerry O has sent pictures; PJF has forwarded to the CPD and the vendor. Important to follow up.
 - ✓ Awning/sails are not functional. We should push for more extensive installation of shade structures that actually provide a benefit for park users.
- ∅ Usage issues
 - ✓ Noted that skateboarding causes problems for the dogs, and has induced ongoing reactivity in some dogs. This is an important concern..
 - ✓ Several park users promised support for bags (purchasing and filling). DMF to follow up.

- ✓ Fido to Go should be encouraged – people are very interested, would like a ‘regular time and place’. Parking in the alley by the gate as an option.
- Ø Signage
 - ✓ Work on dog bite sign completed; will get signage up soon.
 - ✓ Need for a bulletin board inside the park reasserted. Note that the CPD had promised boards but have not delivered. A park user volunteered to donate a board, with support from several others. DMF to follow up.
 - ✓ Comments indicated a clear failure to communicate about SLDogPAC at Fred Anderson Park. ‘How to join’ information needs to be more distributed throughout the park (e.g. at the gates).
- Ø Next meeting date not yet set.

- dmf 8.7.15