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.

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