

**South Loop Dog PAC
Board Meeting Minutes
Jan 26, 2012**

Board Members: Doug Freymann, Pamela Focia, Gordon Stewart, Absent: Juli Valdez, Kate Currin. Also present: Jill Aronson

- Minutes: November Minutes approved 3:0; approval of the December Minutes was tabled until the next meeting.
- Board Member Issues: General discussion of board membership issues and the ongoing need for people and participation at both the board and general membership levels.
 - A suggestion was made to try to facilitate participation by configuring a Google+ or Facetime-type video conference session for future board meetings.
 - Motion to appoint Jill Aronson to the SLDogPAC board was passed 4:0. Thank you Jill!
- Treasurer Transition. We are continuing the transition of Gordon Stewart to Treasurer. Arrangements at CCB will be finalized within a couple of weeks, depending on our schedules.
- Fundraising Ideas: Some ideas floated for future fundraising:
 - Dogwash at the park? This has been discussed in previous years. There may be CPD regulations we need to be aware of.
 - Gift Wrapping event?
 - Participation in city-wide dog events (e.g. the City Clerk's Dog Day on the Green, and the Bark in the Park event (5/5/12).
 - T-shirt design. Suggestion to revisit the old fundraising design, particularly 'Sit Stay Play' available on CafePress. Doug will try to find original artwork files.
- FOTP Proposal: Pam suggested and received approval to request funding for installation of dog waste bag dispensers in three South Loop parks (Cottontail, MR Jones, Roosevelt). The estimated cost would be ~\$1000/yr to maintain the bags using the same system as currently installed at GBP and CPDR. The idea has previously received support from CPD representatives..
 - Pam will coordinate submission.
- Health Issues: Jill noted that her veterinarian had mentioned six (6) cases of Giardia in dogs in recent months, possibly due to ingestion of contaminated water at the local DFAs.
 - Proposal – that the SLDogPAC periodically poll local vets about dog 'public health' issues and report on them in Fetch! and through social media in order to increase awareness. Jill will coordinate.
- Fetch! Kate is coordinating. Tabled until sometime in February.
- Winter Events: Planning still in progress.

- Idea of ‘Yappy Hour’s suggested – i.e. to obtain a permit to have a ‘beer tent’ adjacent to GBP and host an event for the dog community. It was noted that local dog-friendly businesses might be recruited to support and/or participate.
- ‘Carwash’ event – no response from locale, so dropped.
- DogGoneFun proposal still in the works. Pam to coordinate room-rental and etc.
- 16th Wabash Dog Park: Pam reviewed the status so far, including a meeting in December with representatives of the CPD.
 - Proposal that the South Loop Dog PAC become the DFA Committee for the proposed 16th/Wabash dog park - coordinating and assisting with the previous efforts initiated (independently) by board members Pamela Focia and Juli Valdez – to indicate and act in support of the publically announced 60%/40% DFA/non-DFA allocation of space at the 16th/Wabash site. Approved 4:0.
 - Pam and Gordon to assemble material for an announcement mailing to go out to the 16th/Wabash mailing list next weekend.

Next meeting: Week of Feb 13th, to be determined.