

DogPAC Board of Directors Meeting

April 3, 2008

MINUTES

12__ S. State Street (Wendy's)
Present: SD, MG, WI, GM, BJP, BS, LY, DM
Absent: BAP

Agenda Review (reconfigured)

- President's Report
- Community Cleanup
- Treasurer's Report
- Event Planning
- Administrative
- Coliseum Park
- Grant Bark Park

GM called meeting to order at 7:25 pm
Minutes of Open Meeting pending?

President's Report

- Report on Topics Raised in Open Meeting
 - Greener Alliance Update: Plan is to emphasize Earth Day and have monthly seminars (4th Tuesday of the Month) to discuss earth-friendly topics
 - Discussion of what to include in FETCH (eg. Colleen Harper's story as a word of caution (her dog getting sick after eating something at a friends house). Consensus to include the most relevant articles
 - Discussion of future fund raising: consensus not to have silent auction in 2008 as funds should be adequate, go with less labor intensive fund raisers such as dog washes in the summer, reconsider for 2009
 - Proposal to use money set aside for CFD oxygen masks be put back in DogPAC funds and used to buy salt for parks; since funds originally raised from dog washes, would need to let community know that Pet Oxygen Program has been discontinued and that this would be a good use of the money for dog related expenses
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Community Cleanup

- Lots of discussion and ideas generated on problems with negligent owners
 1. Tie in our PUP campaign with Earth Day
 2. Discussed setting up tables in problem buildings to promote DogPAC and good dog owner citizenship (focus on building adjacent to Columbia Park: Target 1111 S. Wabash tentatively on 4/19 and "Day Care building" on 4/26? MG will ask Bob on best way to gain access to these buildings (contact management office or condo board?)
 3. On Earth Day (4/22) DogPAC representatives (WI, DM, others) will be at Columbia Park from 5:30 to 6:30 pm to promote responsible dog ownership and people **not** to use Columbia Park, WI will save roll of green bags to hand out, possibly with a small card attached with message.slogan ideas for signs and cards discussed, BJP again came up with a winner **Clean Parks=Healthy Dogs**
 - Plan for new signs in the community, old ones pretty worn out. Will do a multi-language sign (German, French, Italian, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish (something as close to In The South Loop we Scoop the Poop with illustration of hand picking up something. Will try to be as colloquial as possible, not to formal in the wording. BS offered to collect the remaining languages
 - Lynda will explore sign types, GM will explore materials to use and DM will get together with BAP to recall previous slogan ideas for next DogPAC signs
 - GM will call Fioretti's office to again request putting up more permanent signs since it is a widespread problem and suggest putting on the bottom of sign "Approved by Alderman Fioretti"
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