

# **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

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#### **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?

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#### **President's Report**

- Report on Topics Raised in Open Meeting
- Greener Alliance Update: Plan is to emphasize Earth Day and have monthly seminars (4<sup>th</sup> 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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#### **Treasurer's Report**

- BJP brought check book and checks were made out to pay balance of Kiosk and check for insurance
- Otherwise, no new expenses to report

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#### **Event Planning**

- **PARTY:** Consensus that celebration get-together went well, despite poor turnout. Out to ideas of how to get better attendance other than to send invitations out a little earlier. Receipts for food costs and supplies should be turned into BJP for reimbursement or donation receipt, also to determine cost of event
- **KOFFEE KLATSCH:** Next date is May 3, 7:30 to 10:00 am (Same shifts?) Location is Coliseum Park (not sure of exact location)
  1. To better publicize these events (and possibly others), BS suggested getting a sandwich board that could be changed for each event (chalk board?).
  2. MG will ask her sign guy, BD and LY will look into sign possibilities, DM will ask Prudential if they have any extras we could have.

#### **Administrative**

- Need to decide on July date since first Saturday is July 5
- Ideas thrown out on ways to let the community know what we do
- Handouts that say: "Did You Know" 1) that we pay for replacement gravel each year at a cost of \$\_\_\_\_, with donations to the DogPAC organization? Did you know 2) that the CPD does not maintain this park?, etc.
- Membership three-fold brochure needs to be updated and printed so we can hand them out at events. Original is on PDF, suggestions additions and deletions requested by April 13
- WI still working on doggie bag dispensers, not sure when they will be available, suggestions on locations have been proposed, but not finalized
- WI will send DM list of renewed members for thank you notes, will check with BJP about wording
- DM sent thank you note to Bill White for use of Prudential training room

#### **Coliseum Park**

- It is a mess and since our next Koffee klatsch is there, we desperately need to clean it up
- It needs to be cleaned, deodorized, large stones removed. GM will call Dr. B and Beverly about suggested liquids we could use, LY may have power washer we could use to clean it. \_\_ will contact Park District to see if they will remove large stones. All should be done before new gravel put down
- BS will purchase weed torch to be used on weeds in both parks.

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#### **Grant Bark Park**

- List of names on bones approved by board, GM will revise list and order for B S to submit
- Discussed pricing for **suggested donations** for flyers for Kiosk. \$10 for ½ sheet per month or \$99 for the year, \$25 for full sheet per month or \$250 for the years, Prices approved by board Non-profit organizations to get 15% discount.
- Gravel can be put down soon, if the weather **EVER** improves

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**Motion to adjourn meeting was proposed and seconded, all approved, meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. Next meeting scheduled for May 1 and GM's**

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Respectfully submitted by Diana Marta , DogPAC secretary