

DogPAC Board of Directors Meeting  
December 19, 2007  
MINUTES

910 S. Michigan Avenue (Mary's)

Present: GM, BS, BAP, BJP, DM Absent: WI, SD, LY

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**Agenda Review**

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Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm, Approval of minutes postponed until next meeting to allow board members to review minutes online before next meeting

**Greener South Loop Alliance**

- GM reported on organization's format. Each leader will make a presentation for a meeting, meetings are open to the community. Each member is making a pledge to support some kind of change. GM will look into recycling plans for various buildings, asked for others to email her on their building's plan. Also the person in charge of the recycling program at Dearborn Towers is a dog owner, so will try to get her input.

**Koffee Klatsch Schedule**

- Next scheduled event at Mark Twain Park at 18th and Prairie, oops, 16th and Prairie, oops 15th Place and Prairie. OK next time we'll get it right
- Early shift at 7:30: MG, DM, BAS, others will come at 9
- February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dearborn Park

**Coliseum Park**

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- GM to talk with SD about how to compensate Chris for his expenses
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**Term Rotations**

- Vote to amend bylaws to reflect board term limits approved. "Virtual" straws drawn with allowances made for long-suffering uh, long-serving board members
- Three year terms: DM, BAP and LY
- Two year terms: BS, SD and BJP
- One year terms: MG, WI and GM

**Treasurer's Report**

- BJP will pay mailbox bill before end of year to get lower rate
  - Kiosk total bill about \$5300, paid \$2132, balance remaining about \$2200
  - Pea gravel costs will be \$2418, delivery date TBD
  - BJP reminded the group that official tax letters are due soon for our 2007 contributors (brick purchases, other donations), to include amount donated, date received, amount of the donation eligible for deduction, BJP reported letters should be out by mid-January. Possibility of preprinted thank you notes discussed, but no decision
  - For future events, like the DogWash, we should be prepared with receipts and ask, "would you like a receipt for this?"
  - BJP plans to stay on as Treasurer as long as she can, suggestion made to find an assistant, treasurer understudy to help cover during BJP "pregnancy leave."
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#### **Planning Events: Social Event/Park Birthday/Semi-Annual Open Meetings**

- Long discussion of options to raise awareness of the DogPAC board, mission of DogPAC, and celebrate dogs and dog owners
- A Social Event was tentatively targeted for late April/early May (BS to check on any competing community events before setting date). Various sites were discussed including Sams, Dogone Fun, Eleven. Someone will need to check around to see about possible sites. Purpose of this event would be to celebrate dogs, their owners and handlers. No dogs invited :) to this event. Have dog awards with nominations coming from the community (purpose of awards is to recognize dog owners eg: Good Deeds that benefit dogs, those who go Above and Beyond either with donations, foster care, advocacy, etc.) Discussed whether we would want to get a speaker or celebrity to boost attendance. Keep costs down, pot luck(?), look for donations. Invite just DogPAC members? Ideas discussed for naming event (Pooch-a-Palooza, DogPAC-a-palooza, Dog-O-Rama)
- Discussion to have Open Meetings twice a year, possibly February/August or March/September. Open to anyone in the community.
- NOTE: it was unclear (to me) whether open meetings would be same or different from once-a-year Annual Meeting, which some said should be open only to members, others open to the community.. Prior to annual meeting and also now, we would announce open positions for Board members. Election of Directors to occur at the meeting. Board members would then go on to elect officers at a regular board meeting. LOTS of ideas tossed around, discussion tabled until more information can be collected.
- Another event to continue, the Grant Bark Park Birthday Party. plan to keep it simple but still a popular event

#### **Administrative**

- Discussion of membership renewals and possibly doing a better job following up on them, possibly do a March renewal campaign
  - Ask Bob Hughes to monitor the bulletin board on the kiosk for us, since he's there most days
  - Still looking into paw friendly alternatives for melting ice on sidewalks. MG had some price information (eg 35 lb. buckets vs. pallet) she found, BS to contact various businesses (Petco, Petsmart, Drs. Foster and Smith) for costs, GM to look into CMD (?) product
  - Discussion of effort to find a meeting night that all directors could attend. Tentative schedule determined that would alternate third Tuesdays with third Wednesdays. That would mean meetings on 2/20, 3/18, 4/16, 5/20, 6/18, 7/15, 8/20, 9/16, 10/15, 11/18 and 12/17. Got that? Well it's changed
  - Next meeting to be at Beth's place on Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 pm (?)
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#### **PUP Tips Signs**

- Tip signs to be developed, DM and BAP have suggested ideas, LY to assist with graphics
  - Letter to community still pending
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#### **Respectfully Submitted by:**

Diana Marta, DogPAC secretary