

DogPAC Board of Directors Meeting

February 14, 2008

MINUTES

1169? S. Plymouth Ct. (Lynda's)

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

Absent: All present!

President's Report/Agenda Review

- Agenda Review/Minutes Allotted?
- 1) President's report 2) Minutes Approval, 3) Treasurer's Report, 4) Salt and snow removal , 5) Coliseum Park 6) Bones, 7) Koffee Klatsches 8) Open Meeting, 9) Appreciation Party 6)Administrative Tasks 7) Grant Bark Park 8) Coliseum Park,
- GM reminded people about the Greener Alliance forms, asking those who are willing to fill them out and send them to her.
- GM will write letter to editor representing DogPAC's response to latest LS negative letter

Minutes Approval

- Minutes for January were presented, SD motioned for approval, LY seconded, minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

- Total assets reported as \$21,293
- BJP encouraged Board members to submit receipts and or estimates of donations they have made to get receipts for their tax preparation.
- BJP is working on finalizing year end tax reports, Federal is due May 15 and Illinois is due 6/30
- Still need to provide DogPAC official donation letters for donators over \$200
- Debits reported to include the remainder of the Kiosk bill (\$4000?) and bone costs. Gravel bill of \$2418 will be paid after delivery when the weather improves.

Salt and Snow Removal

- Discussion of whether to buy paw friendly salt for the Dog Park, who would spread and when. Consensus that maybe it is unrealistic to salt the entire park.
- GM will talk to Park District about not plowing snow right up to our gates (park too?)
- We will still continue to look into paw friendly salt. LY will ask at Kriser's, SD will look in Dr. Foster's and JB Wholesale catalogs.
- Soggy Paws still has 12 lb bags, no more 25 lb ones, would it be PC to ask about their supplier?
- Whole Foods still has 8 lb. bags.
- Decision on where and if we would use the salt in the park or just try to get residential and commercial buildings to use it tabled

Coliseum Park

- The park looks pretty clean but they still need our help
- GM and SD will look into getting some kind of storage bin, size, how to secure it
- Set up meeting with Chip Williams to collaborate on these decisions

Bones

- GM reported on costs of engraving bones. The bones cost \$5 each and 30 cents for each letter
- LY and BS both know engravers and will look into their prices for comparison, possibly using laser?

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Grant Bark Park

- GM reminded folks to take extra plastic bags to the park when they go, often there are none there
- Need to set up a landscape committee for planters. Linda Prindiville's name came up but not sure why.
- Possibility of pursuing litigation towards company that did the surfacing at the park.
- MG will look into costs of sealing because her company typically contracts it out
- BS brought up the issue of finding some kind of pet friendly weed control product, could we burn weeds, topic tabled and should fall under the responsibilities of the landscape committeeMG reported that gravel will have to be delivered when weather warms up, all seasonal workers at Beverly currently on layoff
- Kiosk up, discussion of criteria for bone recognition. Those approved by the board include Chicago Journal and Gazette (with one vote against noted), Danwill (?) printers, Jewel, Starbucks, Urban Outsitters and UPS. Cost for bones to be voted on at next meeting
- Need to reprint tri-fold brochure for new member recruitment at events like Koffee Klatsches, decision to eliminate cards and just go with brochure (more inclusive and less expensive to produce)
- Tip of the Month flyers getting good exposure. Will continue to distribute and post more, including building bulletin boards where feasible. LY will make more copies of current flyer, enlarging typeface and adding logo BS will send LY a copy of the Logo

Koffee Klatschs (will somebody tell me how to spell this?)

- March 1st will be on the west side of the 11th street bridge (early shift MG, DM, GM, BAP, second shift LY, BS, SD (BJP gets a pass on this one!) We will PUP if weather permits at 10 after coffee
- April 5 will be at Coliseum Park, 14th and Wabash, next to el tracks (will someone verify location)
- May 3 will be at Roosevelt Park
- June 7 will be at Mary Richardson Jones Park (bring extra poop to distribute)

Open Meeting

- To be held at 1st District Police Station
- Suggestion to offer dog licensing application to dog owners presentDM read letter to editor she wrote to send to Journal, will mention DogPAC efforts but send as individual, content accepted by board
- WI still working on getting bags from 2nd Ward Streets and Sanitation, MG having no luck finding dispensers online, will continue to explore options since original source no longer available

Appreciation Party

- To be held in the training room at the Prudential Offices in the Moser Building, 621 S. Plymouth Court
- Will run from 6 to 9, pot luck (to be decided at next meeting), bartender to be decided (MG?)
- BS to help with designing and making up invitations
- Guest list to include past board members, active members, special invitees, sponsors and vendors
- Bob and Roy's certificates to be presented
- Include a special invitation to Chip Williams to recognize all his work at Coliseum Park
- Decision was made to postpone nominations for dog owner awards to the K9 Karnivale
- Lot's of brainstorming about what the invitation should say but BJP came up with the best "Behind every great dog, there's a great person. Then something inside to say "Come out to meet the people behind the pooches of the South Loop, Time, Location and RSVP

Motion to adjourn by BJP, second BS, Meeting concluded at 8:50 pm YEA US

Respectfully submitted (on two pages), Diana Marta, DogPAC secretary