

# **DogPAC Board of Directors Meeting January 17, 2008 MINUTES**

40 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street Unit # (Beth's)  
Present: SD, MG, WI, DM, GM, BAP, BJP, BS, LY  
Absent: All present!

## **President's Report/Agenda Review**

- Agenda Review/Minutes Allotted?  
1) Minutes Approval, 2) Treasurer's Report, 3) Administrative, 4) Event Planning, 5) Membership, 6) Grant Bark Park, 7) Coliseum Park, 8) Community Cleanup, 9) Meeting Schedule
- Greener Alliance: GM passed out 'greener forms' for those to voluntarily report on their buildings' efforts to promote green ways to run buildings, BAP asked if we could get an electronic version to email to others
- Greetings from Stephanie Shapiro-Berkson!
- Columbia College Open Invitation/ Reception "Harrison Haiku" open to public on January 30 at 10:30 am at the A&D Gallery, 619 S. Wabash RSVP 312-344-8650 (to promote upgrade of Harrison Street El Station)
- FETCH – discussed including topical issues beyond South Loop in next issue (Red Door Fundraiser Giving Challenge, group who gets most new donors to no-kill shelter gets \$50,000 donated to their organization; Adopt-A-Pet campaign at ACC; Jan Fennell, Dog Whisperer, speaking locally; Animal Rescue website/if you click on they get free food for abused dogs; Humane Society promoting campaign to prevent dog fighting; Photo Contest sponsored by ?
- New Year's Goodies – Thanks, Gail!

## **Minutes Approval**

- Minutes for November and December BAP motioned, LY seconded, minutes approved with one change suggested in November minutes by BJP, Correction so noted

## **Treasurer's Report**

- \$20,970 cash balance after \$200 paid Greg Semmer for brick installation (GM gave WI the check) and mailbox fee paid for next 14 months rent
- BS kindly donated the \$69 cost for voice mail, Thanks Beth
- BJP discussed the need for official income tax donation letters to be sent out to all donors (cash, goods, services) with name of organization, actual amount (>\$75), description of item as needed and statement that no goods or services were provided by the DogPAC in return for those donations. DM to do letters after getting names and amounts from list of brick purchasers, members and donors (WI, LY & BJP)
- Official 2007 Annual Report submitted and approved, original given to secretary to keep on file

## **Administrative**

- Discussion of Park Permit Meeting: applications should be submitted in February, especially to be included in Park District Calendar; (feasibility questionable since no dates set for dog washes and K9 Karnivale, tabled)
- Recommendation made to change registered agent to secretary (DM) with Secretary of State's office (BS motioned, WI seconded), change approved
- GM and DM will meet to amend By Laws to reflect new term rotations (WI offered to assist) Board will vote on new Board members and elect officers at February meetings, terms begin March 1
- BS promised to have new website up and running by July (6 mos.)
- WI and DM will meet before next meeting to hand over email and voice mail access to DM as secretary

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#### **Event Planning**

- Discussion to further define open meeting, annual meetings and fundraisers
- Open meetings will occur in March and September, Annual meeting to elect board and officers (not open) to occur at each February meeting of Board
- Decision to continue the tradition of having an event to celebrate dogs and their owners. Set Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> as tentative date, possible locations: Chicago Community Bank, Prudential Realty (DM will check with Bill White), BS to look into other possible sites. Event will be for members and invited guests. Board will do potluck (who will bring what to be determined at February meeting), incorporate awards to particularly supportive community individuals (Roy, Chris from Coliseum, possibly open up to nominations), LY will explore doing plaques for winners, event will be no charge
- Other ideas discussed about raising visibility of DogPAC in the community
- Park Birthday Party on July 12<sup>th</sup>, details to be determined
- See meeting dates, Koffee Klatsch dates listed below

#### **Membership**

- Consensus that we need to do a better and more thorough job of obtaining membership renewals
- BJP and WI both have data bases (one on Excel and one on Access) that can be combined. LY will help integrate the new list
- Letter for membership renewal can be combined with invitation to March 28<sup>th</sup> event. Must be sent out by February 7. LY will do letter and have them ready to stuff at Feb 7 meeting.

#### **Grant Bark Park**

- MG 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

#### **Coliseum Park**

- In the interest of time, GM and SD will meet about plans for Coliseum Park. Chris continues to do a great job of clean up, needs supplies and storage bin

#### **Community Cleanup**

- DM 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Streets and Sanitation, MG having no luck finding dispensers online, will continue to explore options since original source no longer available

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## Community Cleanup (cont'd)

- Discussed Koffee Klatsches and that they have been successful, Decision to combine next one on February 2 at Dearborn Park with a Pick Up Poop Day following. Wear red shirts to boost visibility. Pray for warm weather!
- Feb 2 shifts: MG, DM (food), BAP (coffee) early shift 7:30 to 9, WI, LY, BJP and SD second shift 9-10:30 PUP to follow
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Koffee Klatsch to be held in Grant Park, just west of the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge
- BJP and BAP will post PUP flyers in their building to see if it helps with lot just south of Transportation Bldg

## Meeting Schedule.

- Decision made to meet on (most) first Thursdays of month to include the following:
- Feb 7 Annual Meeting
- Mar 6 Open Meeting
- April 3
- May 1
- June 5
- July 2
- Aug 7
- Sept 4
- Oct 2 Open Meeting
- Nov 6
- Dec 4

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm (GM motion, SG second)

Respectfully Submitted by:

Diana Marta, DogPAC secretary

Members

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MG -  
BS -

Guests/Friends  
park board members  
Chip  
Egg & Pans  
Therons  
Scrub Your Pup

