

DogPAC Board of Directors Meeting November 13, 2007 MINUTES

1169 S. Plymouth Court (Lynda's)
Present: SD, MG, WI, BJP, LY, DM
Absent: GM, BAP, BS

Agenda Review

- We punted!
- Treasurer's Report
- Administrative
- Koffee Klatsch Update
- Grant Bark Park
- PUP (Pick Up Poop) Bags
- Coliseum Park
- Paw and Earth Friendly Salt
- Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership

BJP called to order at 6:57 pm
Minutes of 9/17/07 Meeting, WI approved, LY seconded

Treasurer's Report

- UPS mailbox rental fee due, if paid by Dec 31, no rate increase, DM approve pay before 12/31, SD seconded
- Still waiting for \$500 deposit from City from K9 Karnivale
- Grace Place donated collection plate money (\$120) from Blessing of Animals to DogPAC
- 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

Administrative

- Approval of revised board member commitment sheet
- LY, DM and MG (never signed previous one) signed new forms, BJP will sign at next opportunity
- Discussion of setting up yearly open meeting, email invitation to all members, vote for officers at that time, ways to raise visibility of DogPAC in community (if anything that hasn't already been tried), discussion tabled
- Discussion of meeting night good for all, discussion tabled, next meeting, Wednesday, December 19, at MG's
- Rotation of terms ideas: proposed staggered, 1, 2 and 3 year terms, idea of term limits might encourage new participants (not a forever commitment)), details to be discussed further

Koffee Klatsch Update

- Dates set: Saturday, December 1, 7:30 am to 10 am, Cottontail Park 15th & Plymouth; Saturday, January 5, 2008, 7:30 am to 10 am, Mark Twain Park, 18th & Prairie
- WI reported Soggy Paws willing to donate coffee/goodies or coupons for them
- Suggestion to bring DogPAC brochures, Dog Smart and any other handouts to coffees

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Grant Bark Park

- Gravel: (MG) progress report on gravel installation, Beverly Asphalt busy with extended season due to good weather, still anticipate delivery before end of year
- Kiosk: anticipate installation soon
- Bricks: WI reported bricks still not installed, waiting to hear from Greg Semner who will install up to 30 for \$200

PUP (Pick Up Poop) Bags

- WI still researching bags but decision was made to pass that back to the Alderman's Streets and San, person, assuming they had City purchasing power behind them. Still unsure about how long our supplies will last and when or if they will be able to help us out. Meanwhile, Fioretti stated he won't pay for bags, wants developers to do so, still questions as to how and/if that will be done.

Coliseum Park

- We agreed to help out with storage bin, rake and broom, bags, signs to encourage picking up after dogs, but specific plan to do so unclear.

Paw and Earth Friendly Salt

- Discussion of paw friendly salt: costs, where and in what quantity to buy it, where it could be delivered and stored, MG stated that there would probably be a minimum ton purchase
- Discussion of whether we would spread it regularly at dog parks or leave supply in bins for dog park users to spread as needed
- LY to ask Dogone Fun and MG check with her sources about getting salt at cost
- Blue vs. sand mix (cheaper but messier) most agreed blue salt much preferred
- How to get buildings and businesses to use paw friendly salt
- Possibility of Ace Hardware donating spreader(s)?

Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership

- Tip signs to be developed, DM and BAP have suggested ideas, LY to assist with graphics, to be continued
- Letter to community??
- Publish results of "pick up patrol" in Fetch next issue, reminder that cigarette butts, candy and other litter just as harmful for dogs, kids and environment.
- Pat on back for those parks that do a good job of keeping their parks clean.
- Concern about dog behavior both in and outside dog parks, people not watching their dogs while in parks, some dog attacks have occurred
- WI reported police want us to get out the word that they will be ticketing for off leash dogs, no more warnings, cops on bikes, possible idea to attend CAPS meetings to promote alliance between police and dog owners

Respectfully Submitted by

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