

# DogPAC Board of Directors Meeting

## November 6, 2008

### MINUTES

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

GM called board meeting to order at 7:04 pm

#### Agenda Review

- President's Report, Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Community Outreach, Grant Bark Park, Coliseum Park, Event Planning, Old Business (instead of undone to do), Bylaw Amendment

#### President's Report

- Greener Alliance tabled for next meeting
- Update bylaws (see below)
- Plan send off party
- Redefining our role in the community as advocates for responsible dog ownership, not just fund raising

#### Minutes

- Minutes for 9/11 approved with **BS** motion, **SG** second, minutes approved
- Minutes for 10/9 approved with **GM** motion, **LY** second, minutes approved

#### Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer absent but everything in order and nothing new to report at this time

#### Community Outreach

- Extensive discussion on ways to connect with the dog owner community and promote responsible dog ownership and get away from fundraising as our primary goal.
- Follow up on putting together packets that could be distributed to various buildings for both existing residents and new residents with dogs. Mark Melendez, who came to our open meeting, offered to be the first to introduce the idea at his board meeting at State Place. **LY** and **BS** will make index cards for the packet with basic DogPAC info. Other items to be included would be Dog Smarts tri-fold, DogPAC membership tri-fold and a sample eco-friendly poop bag. **BS** to make paper sleeves for the packets. Board could get together for a brief "assembly" meeting as soon as all components are ready.
- Another idea was to create a Dog Resource Directory listing all and any services for dogs in the South Loop (or beyond). **BS** will create a new email address where people can submit names of businesses, phone number, email address, contact name and/or website for those who would like to be included in the directory. **DM** will send out a **FETCH** asking for submissions and the directory could eventually be put in the new neighbor packets.
- **Fetch items to be included in next issue:** Letter about neutering being circulated by Community Bank and others, introduction and request for submission for Dog Resource Directory

#### Grant Bark Park

- Discussion of creating a sign to alert people to announcement/advertisement back side of kiosk was tabled.
- Some erosion of sealant noted in area where water runs, but not much that can be done about it
- **DM** will check park to see if water has been turned off and if not, speak with Aleda, in the adjacent park district building, to have this done ASAP

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- SG had nothing new to report

#### Event Planning

- Pam Focia offered to help plan a dog event (Feb or Mar?) possibly at Dogone Fun. She will need to contact Beverly to check out possibility and dates (did someone offer to tell Pam?).
- Effort to minimize expenses on future community events. Do several Dog Washes next summer and not offer completely free events or too labor-intensive ones.
- Good bye (sigh) party for current and past board members. Several locations discussed. Decided February was probably the best month and the Jazz Club the favorite sight if we can bring in catered food. Who was going to check on this? Dog Pac will pay and we will send our departing Board members out in style.

#### Old Business

(instead of "undones to do")

- Website is a big project and **BS** has a lot to do. To facilitate updating the website, she will review suggested copy changes and deletions from **WI** and **LY**
- **BS** will do labels for poop bag dispensers
- **LY** will get cement mix and fill hydrants for park.
- Old Man Winter will take care of weeds at GBP
- We will postpone ordering a playset for GBP until Spring
- Also will postpone asking Park District for replacement hoses and spigots at GBP until Spring
- Update on poop bag search: **DM** bought a sample roll but hasn't tried them on the spindles to see if they fit.
- **GM** to ask Fioretti office to pay for bags (we could give him credit on the new labels as an incentive)
- **THE BYLAWS WERE AMENDED TO INCLUDE TERM LIMITS AND ROTATIONS AND WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY!!!**

Next Meeting may be a get together over drinks to plan parties. TBD.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 and all approved

Respectfully submitted by Diana Marta,  
DogPAC secretary