

# **DogPAC Board of Directors Meeting**

## **October 9, 2008**

### **MINUTES**

Dearborn Station

Present: SD, WI, GM, BJP, LY

Absent: DM, BS

GM called board meeting to order at 6:55 pm

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#### **Agenda Review**

- President's Report, Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Dealing w/Aggressive Dogs, Dearborn Station Park Renovation, Event F/U, Grant Bark Park, Coliseum Park, Future DogPAC

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#### **President's Report**

- **Greener Alliance:**
- **Fetch items to be included in next issue:**
- **CPD Updates:** The surface of GBP has been re-sealed; however, there are already signs that the ground was damp and the seal is not holding.

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#### **Minutes**

- Minutes for 9/11 held, not reviewed or approved.

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#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Current balance is approx. \$15,400, after expense for pea gravel of approx. \$2,400 paid and pending payment of misc. expenses for party in honor of Roy Svenson.
- Discussion re. back-up for financials; BJP currently has only copy and would like someone else to maintain program. It was suggested we look at free "Simple Books" available on-line. BJP will make copy of current information on flash drive for a back-up of data.

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#### **Dealing with Aggressive Dogs**

- GM updated group on discussions with Mark Melendes, who had volunteered to assist with education effort. He will reach out to Condo Board of his building to see if they would be open to hosting an education fair, perhaps with vendors, refreshments, give-aways. GM will request give-aways, coupons, etc. from Soggy Paws, DogGoneFun, Kriser's, etc.; perhaps look into leash luggage again?
- The group also discussed providing welcome packets for condo buildings to be provided to dog owners when they move to the building. This could include Dog PAC membership brochure and Dog Smarts, as well as information provided by local vendors. Need to set up time to put packets together.
- The group also discussed having business cards with the DogPAC information on them would be helpful for us to have in our pockets when walking in the neighborhood. We very often meet new dog owners who do not know about us, but don't have anything handy to give them. LY volunteered to make up some business cards for us.

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#### **Dearborn Station Park Renovation**

- Center for Neighborhood Technology has chosen the open space between Dearborn Station and the Oaks apartments to upgrade and make more earth friendly. They plan to correct the erosion problem, plant perennials and lay down gravel or other ground cover.
- Work to start in October; a call for volunteers needed for planting will go out to member organizations

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#### **Event Planning**

- **Indoor Party:** Given timing and advertisements for a few Halloween events, suggested we plan on a Holiday Party, Pam Focia volunteered to work on this event.

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#### **Grant Bark Park**

- **Hydrants:** LY will get epoxy and cement mix at Home Depot to fill and seal hydrants.
- **Landscaping:** It was suggested we look at purchasing additional pots at landscaping store on Lake St., as they are currently on sale.

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#### **Coliseum Park**

- The park has been power washed by CPD.

#### **Future DogPAC**

- **GM** noted that she will not run for another term and we need to start transitioning more of her duties to others.
- It was suggested that rather than try to recruit additional Board members that we try to recruit volunteers for specific projects with more limited scope. The hope is this would encourage people who do not want to make the commitment to serve on the Board. There was some skepticism as we have had difficulty recruiting volunteers in the past as well.

**Next Meeting on November 6, location TBD**

**Motion to adjourn at 8:45 and all approved**

**Respectfully submitted by Wendy Ito**