

South Loop Dog P.A.C. Board Meeting
April 14, 2005
1718 S. State Street

Present: Gail Merritt (GM), Mike Schipke (MS), Kristine Lyons (KL), Stephanie Daugherty (SD), Wendy Ito (WI)

Key: initials in italics indicate who acted or motioned/seconded

1. **Call to order:** *GM 6:40 pm.*
2. **Approval of Agenda:** *GM/SD*
3. **Approval of March 17, 2005 board meeting minutes:** *SD/MS*
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Available Funds \$62,370
5. **President's Report - GM**
 - A. **501 C 3:** Still in progress – IRS said could take up to 120 days.
 - B. **Cook County & CPD permits/licensing for park use:** Other dog parks require users to have proof that dogs have all vaccinations and a clean bill of health. CPD will try and implement this process. Several questions exist regarding enforcement. We asked that the Dog PAC be involved in these conversations.
 - C. **New CPD Contact:** Lara Khoury has moved to another department in the CPD. Our new contact is Bob Foster.
 - D. **Advisory Council:** We would like to establish an Advisory Council. We discussed the purpose, who should be included, mission statement and other aspects of the Council. The Council could help establish park rules (although we are subject to CPD rules also), make recommendations to the Board, safety issues and engage the community on how to be responsible dog owners.

Some of the themes we discussed regarding the mission of the Council – Responsible dog ownership inside and outside Grant Bark Park. Promote happy, healthy and well mannered dogs and be a good neighbor.

Some possible participants – Dr. B., Beverly (Dogone Fun), Deborah Perry, lawyer, Bob Foster
6. **Bar Louie Event:** Wendy I. coordinating schedule for set up, function and clean up. Gail will bring up to date list of all members. We will run ad in The Sun Times and Journal promoting the event.
7. **Benefit Events/Fundraising:** We plan on hosting another playdate at Dogone Fund in mid May. Dog wash planned for July. Do we want to use park or our usual location for the wash? We began to discuss dates for K9-9K – September/October. Wendy I. will check with CPD on availability.
8. **Dogs of the South Loop Calendar:** For the beauty of the calendar we need to have final say on what dogs will be included. This will prevent us from having all black labs or 5 golden retrievers. We decided that having an entry fee of \$25 is the best option. All members would vote and narrow the field. The final vote would be decided by the board members. We will not have this as an auction item as we are not sure if we will actually create the calendar. Printing costs are still be explored.

9. **Next board meeting time & place:** Thursday, May 12, 2005 - location to be determined.
10. **Meeting adjourned:** *GM/MS 8:46 p.m.*