

South Loop Dog P.A.C. Board Meeting
July 21, 2005
41 E. 8th Street #2107

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

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

1. **Call to order:** *GM*
2. **Approval of Agenda:** *All*
3. **Approval of June 16, 2005 board meeting minutes:** *GM/SD*
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Total Unrestricted Funds: \$75,156.70
5. **President's Report -** *GM*
 - A. **Condo board presidents meeting:** Gail met with six condo board presidents from Dearborn and Plymouth Court buildings. They are frustrated over dogs urinating outside of their buildings. They proposed creating a map of places the dogs can urinate. Gail will communicate to the board presidents that the Dog PAC would be willing to help them outline a process for their building which involves their residents. The P.A.C would also be available to meet with residents. Columbia College is also ready to meet with local residents regarding their park.
 - B. **Winston & Strawn advice to nonprofits:** Gail and Leslie Storino (SLN) should sign an agreement on 7/22/05. Gail (and possibly other officers of South Loop Dog P.A.C) will also need to sign an indemnification agreement. We have provided SLN with a list of our expenses and a list of all donors. Once the agreement is signed the transfer of money must be made within 11 days. We may be asked for advice on how to get a dog park by other communities. We should think about the lessons learned throughout our process.
 - C. **Preparing bricks for CPD law review:** All bricks are in the database. We are following up to confirm brick text before giving the text to the CPD. We will also need to QC all brick text.
 - D. **Re-energizing our presence on the street:** Once the park is built we need to think about how to get positive energy back into our group.
 - E. **Donor Board:** We discussed how to calculate an individual's contribution in regards to appearing on the donor board. It was decided that contributors for the donor board would be based on straight donations (meaning the donor did not receive anything for their contribution). We could also recognize lifetime members. A suggestion was brought up to establish a *Friends of the Dog PAC* – for those who have been supportive in many different ways. We also plan to take an ad out in the Journal to recognize the major donors.

6. Fund Raising Events

Dog Wash (7/23/05): Gail was able to get two 50 ft. hoses and nozzles donated from Ace Hardware. Please bring buckets and dog brushes for the wash.

Bash on Wabash (8/6 – 8/7 Saturday 12 -10 and Sunday 12 – 9): We agreed to participate in this event. We need people to staff the booth. Let Gail or Stephanie know if you are available.

7. **Advisory Council:** We still want to create an advisory council. This group will be a resource for us. The council could help establish park rules (although we are subject to CPD rules also), make recommendations to the Board, discuss safety issues and engage the community on how to be responsible dog owners. The mission: To promote happy, healthy and well mannered dogs and be a good neighbor. We discussed participants and decided on Dr. B, Beverly (*Dogone Fun*) and possibly a police officer with the CAPS Program. The council would meet three times each year. We will try to have an initial meeting in August.
8. **Next board meeting time & place** – Thursday August 18 , 2005, 6:30 pm at the Police Station
1718 S. State Street
9. **Meeting adjourned:** 8:40 *BS/KL*