South Loop Dog P.A.C. Board Meeting  
June 16, 2005  
1718 S. State Street

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

Dog P.A.C. members present: Greg Tronze, Deborah Perry & Enrique Perez

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

1. Call to order: 6:50 GM

2. Approval of Agenda: BS/GM

3. Approval of May 12, 2005 board meeting minutes: SD/GM

4. Treasurer’s Report: Total Unrestricted Funds: $69,862.03

5. President’s Report - GM

   A. 501 C 3 status: No news yet from the IRS. Still within the 120 day period (end date 7/11/05).

   B. Grant Bark Park update: GM has not received any response from Bob Foster. We are looking for ways to bring more attention to the park (so that the CPD will give us a groundbreaking date). GM is going to contact the reporter from the Tribune article. We are also suggesting that anyone interested in the status of the dog park contact the CPD.

   C. DogPAC on condominium boards’ agenda’s: Several of the board presidents have formed a group. This group will meet in July and we are on the agenda.

6. Fund Raising Events

   Carla Snell party update (6/11/05): Event raised $2000! We are hoping that Carla can help us “infiltrate” that area.

   Rummage Sale (6/25/05): We will have 3 shifts (7-10, 10 – 1 & 1-4). Please let Stephanie D. know if you can work and which shift is good for you. GM will check with Larry Young on transporting the items from storage to the park. MG will bring a table and GM will check with Tina Phillips to see if we can use her tables.

   Dog Wash (7/23/05): Time 12:00 – 3:00 Set-up will begin at 10:00. Tentative location is Fountain Square. We have permission from the building to use the water and are waiting on permission from the city (WI checking on this).

   Responsibilities:
   Towels – SD
   Volunteers: KL
   Treat Bags- MG
   Flyers – BS
   Banners – WC
K9 – 9K (9/24/05): Vendor tables will cost $100 (not on t-shirt). Sponsorship will cost $250 in cash or in-kind donation (logo will be on t-shirt). We will ask two food vendors to be our sponsors and allow them to be on the t-shirt. We will also have a sponsor board for those sponsors that donate less than $250. BS will create a fact sheet detailing this information. KL will call the ACS to obtain more information on the backdrop used for photographs. We need to have a PR strategy and possible secure a “personality” to act as an MC. We also need ideas for activities/demonstrations.

Big Event: February 2006 GM will meet with some people who have more experience in fundraisers of the magnitude.

7. Advisory Board: We still want to create an advisory board. This is not a top priority.

8. Miscellaneous
   Poop bag supplies – no update
   Landscaping & Maintenance Committees – will discuss at a later date

9. Executive Session

10. Next board meeting time & place – Thursday, July 21, 2005 at Beth & Mike’s – 41 E. 8th Street #2107

11. Meeting adjourned: 9:01 pm BS/SD