

South Loop Dog P.A.C. Board Meeting
May 12, 2005
910 S. Michigan Ave #716

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

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

1. **Call to order:** *GM 5:34 p.m.*
2. **Approval of Agenda:** *GM/BS*
3. **Approval of April 14, 2005 board meeting minutes:** *SD/MS*
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Total 2005 Income: \$18,063.07, Total 2005 Expense: \$5,819.27, Net Income: \$12,243.80 Available Funds \$69,243.26 *WF*
5. **President's Report - GM**
Gail has been corresponding with Bob Foster (our CPD contact) regarding the dog park. There is still no date set for construction to begin. No response yet from Petco or the IRS.
6. **Events**
Play Date details - 12:00 – 3:00 on Sunday, May 15

K9- 9K - We need to get started on planning this event. The walk will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2005. Set-up will begin at 6:30 a.m., registration at 8:00 a.m. and the walk will start at 9:00 a.m. We will use the same location as last year but change the route (using the route from year 1). Beth will create a master calendar/timeline to keep us on schedule. Sponsors can have their logo on the t-shirt. We need to decide cost of sponsorship and vendor table.
To do:
Get sponsors/vendors – Stephanie D. & Wendy C.
Volunteers – Kristine
Food donations - ?
Potties – Mary will donate
T-shirts - ?

Grand Opening – We will think more about this when we have a firmer date. We will let our K9 sponsors and vendors know we would like to invite them to also participate in this event.

Fundraising – Gail was contacted by an individual who has experience in fundraising. He believes he can help us gain more marketing visibility and bring “the right” people to our events. A group of board members will try and meet with him within the next few weeks.

Calendar – We are still waiting to hear from Palmer Printing about donating their services. Gail will follow up.

Dearborn Park Garage Sale – Saturday, June 25 starts at 8:00 a.m. – we need to set up by 7:00 a.m.

Dog Wash – July 23 from 12:00 – 3:00. Location in Fountain Square on Dearborn.
7. **Member Support**
Carla Snell Party – Cocktail party to benefit Grant Bark Park on Saturday, June 11 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Wine, beer and catered appetizers will be served. Carla can host 50 – 100 people. She will invite some of her neighbors and we need to also think of some names. Bud and

Wendy will attend. In addition the following board members would like to be invited (SD, GM, WC, BS, MS).

Angela Newberg's "Mrs. B.'s Pawtisserie" offer – Angela would like to assist with the Grand Opening.

Melanie Schlachter's Concord offer – Melanie will take a proposal to Concord. They are using the proximity to the dog park in their advertising.

8. Responsible Dog Ownership

Advisory Council – If you have suggestions on who should be on the council – let Gail know.
Building Outreach – We will try and meet with the building at 11 & Wabash to discuss the Columbia College/Sculpture Garden issue. Mary will speak to (or get) the name of the building manager. We will also ask a representative from Columbia College to attend the meeting with us.

9. Board

Stephanie SB's departure – What are our criteria for a board member? Money? Time? Commitment? We need to document the process of replacing a board member.

10. Dog Friendly Area in the West Loop – It sounds like this group needs to contact IDOT - the land does not belong to the CPD.

11. Meeting adjourned – 7:25 p.m. BS/SD

12. Next board meeting time & Place – Thursday, June 16, 2005 6:30 p.m. at the Police Station
1718 S. State Street