

Minutes
South Loop Dog Park Action Cooperative

Date/Time: Thursday, April 20, 2006 @6:30 pm

Location: 41 E. 8th Street #2107

Attendees: Gail Merritt (GM), Kristine Lyons (KL), Wendy Ito (WI), Wendy Cobrin (WC), Mike Schipke (MS), Beth Schipke (BS), Barbara Perez (BP), Stephanie Daugherty (SD), Mary Gwanda (MG)

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

1) **Call to order:** *GM 6:44 pm*

2) **Approval of minutes from March 16, 2006:** *GM/WC*

3) **Approval of agenda:** *All*

4) **Treasurer's Report:** BP provided the board copies of the current balance sheet and income statement.

5) **President's Report:** *GM*

Grand Opening – GM met with Dr. B and Beverly on 4/19/06 to discuss ideas for the celebration. The CPD does not want to schedule the grand opening until July. This will provide them with extra time (if needed) for construction. GM has requested the celebration be held on a Sunday so that everyone can attend. Our target date is Sunday, July 9th. The board decided that if the park is complete it should be used prior to the official grand opening. We will use the swimming pools we have so that the doggies can plan/wade in the water.

We decided to have goodie bags for the grand opening. They will contain:

- Dog Smarts brochure
- Tennis ball throw toys Beth & Mike will donate)
- How to use the park brochure (MS will research)
- How to get park license
- Treats
- Membership forms

We will also solicit contributions to pay for the grand opening. Here is a menu of what we need:

- Bags (possibly with logo) (sponsors on back?)Balloons (500) and balloon arch – may need to be delivered(
- People treats – cake
- Doggie cake (MG will donate)
- T-shirts – create GBP identity WC will ask Jen to design new logo
- Doggie scarves (with new logo)

- Leash Luggage (Dr. B has offered to donate \$600)
- Microphone
- Products/discount coupons (SD will solicit)
- Drinks – coffee, water and juice (SD will solicit from Jewel) (WC will talk to Starbucks)
- Donation of \$150 will allow the donor to be recognized on GBP's donor board and they can put a brochure in the goodie bag.

Pooch Pagoda (donor board) – Board reviewed the design for the donor board and decided to try and get donations to pay for the sculpture. GM is checking to see if the CPD will provide the 6 metal posts needed for the piece. The design will also be reviewed but the CPD art committee. We need approximately \$20,000 for the sculpture. Bring art to the park!

Dates for future events:

We will try and obtain a permit for the K9 9K for Sunday, September 10, 2006. (WT) We will research the cost for a permit that allows the vendors to sell. WC will let Denise Zak know this is the date for our event.

Dog Wash – Saturday, July 29th (alternate date July 22nd)

Washington Mutual Report - GM spoke to the general manager who expressed interest in having a vendor table at the grand opening. The board voted not to have vendors at the grand opening. We will ask WaMu to be a park of the K-9 9-K.

6) Miscellaneous: 16th Street Woof Fest – KL will speak with Carrie Reyes to get more details on the event. We would be willing to post the event on our website and announce in FETCH.

1212 S. Michigan- Building is having a week of doggie events May 8 – May 12. We will offer to help in May 8th.

7) Next board meeting time and place: Kristine's, 910 S. Michigan #1313 @ 6:30 pm on Thursday, May 18th

8) Meeting adjourned: BS/SD 8:52 pm