

**South Loop Dog P.A.C. Board Meeting
February 16, 2006
910 S. Michigan Ave. #716**

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

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

1. **Call to order:** *BS/SD 7:20 pm*
2. **Approval of minutes from January 12, 2006:** *GM/SD*
3. **Approval of Agenda:** *WI/GM*
4. **Treasurer's Report:** BP will forward financial reports
5. **President's Report - GM**
 - a) **CPD Update – Press & Groundbreaking:** GM met with the CPD. We have 2 project managers assigned to the park (Linda Daley (off-site) and Dave Richmond (on-site). The designer took Gail through the park design. Here is a summary of the changes/issues:
 - *Entire park will be chain link fence. No wrought iron fencing will be used.
 - *The CPD allows for an information kiosk in the park. Since we are creating a donor board/information kiosk the Dog PAC will be responsible for the entire cost.
 - *The park district will not pay for the additional bricks needed to complete the brick path design. If we choose to have the area filled in with non-inscribed bricks, the Dog PAC will be responsible for the costs. We will probably need to purchase at least 400 additional bricks. GM is checking on the expense. The other option available is to fill the area around the inscribed bricks with gravel.
 - *The CPD is not going to replace the back fence near the railroad tracks. This fence is approximately only 4 ft. high. For safety concerns we feel the fence needs to 6 ft.
 - *Only two ornate light fixtures will be in the park. There will also be lighting provided from the tennis courts. We feel this is also a safety issue.
 - *No concrete barriers – as previously planned.
 - *CPD stated that the costs of the two paths leading to the park are very expensive. Gail will try and get Chase to sponsor one of the paths.
 - *We want a pleasant environment. GM will ask Home Depot to donate planters.
- Gail is going to share our concerns regarding this not being a "Premier" dog park with Bob O'Neil. The two safety issues (fence & lighting) are our primary concerns.
5. **Decal for Poop Bag Dispensers – BS –** The design was approved. We may make slight changes to the wording. BS will also add something to the website regarding donations for poop bags.
6. **Board Member Commitment Document – BS –** The document was reviewed by board members. Several suggestions were made. BS will incorporate the group's comments and re-distribute.

7. **Calendar of Events for 2006:** The board discussed events and dates. The following was decided upon:

<u>Event</u>	<u>1st Choice Date</u>	<u>Alternate Date</u>
Play Date (at Dogone Fun!)	Sunday March 26th	Sunday, March 19th

Grand Opening **TBD – End of June**
(The park construction will take 4-6 weeks. The asphalt is then allowed to dry for 45-60 days and then sealed. The celebration would be held when everything is completed. We plan on having refreshments and give-a-ways).

Dog Wash (To be held at Grant Bark Park or Fountain Square)	Saturday, July 29th	Saturday, July 22nd
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Bash on Wabash **Usually held the 1st or 2nd weekend in August**

K9-9K **Sunday, September 17th 9/10 or 9/24**
(Discussion on giving the vendors a choice to sell/not sell and pricing the vendor tables accordingly).

Bar Louie Event **Fall 2006 – Gail is researching**

****Some of these dates are dependent on our ability to obtain a permit from the CPD.**

8. **Next board meeting time and place:** March 19, 2006, 6:30 p.m., Wendy Ito's – 1244 S. State Street

9. **Meeting adjourned:** *GM/MG 9:59 pm*

