

South Loop Dog P.A.C. Board Meeting
January 12, 2006
727 S. Dearborn Street #712

Present: Gail Merritt (GM), Kristine Lyons (KL), Wendy Ito (WI), Wendy Cobrin (WC), Mike Schipke (MS), 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:** *GM 6:50 pm*
2. **Approval of meeting minutes from November 11, 2005:** *BS/WI*
3. **Approval of Agenda:** *All*
4. **Treasurer discussion & vote:** A motion was made by Wendy Cobrin to nominate Barbara Perez to become a member of the South Loop Dog Park Action Cooperative's board. This motion was seconded by Beth Schipke. The board voted and the motion passed. Barbara Perez is now a member of the board and will assume the role of Treasurer. The board also discussed the need to have a formal process in these situations. Also, when business is conducted via email all board members need to reply with their response.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** BP is preparing 2005 year end accounting statements. As of 1/12/06 we have a balance of \$95,399.27 (CCB Checking, CCB Money Market, PayPay, ProPay and ProPay Reserves). We need to reserve \$11,500 for commemorative bricks. BP would like us to track cash donations better at future events.
6. **President's Report - GM**
 - i. **CPD Update** – The contract discussion was not on the agenda for the CPD's 1/11/06 board meeting. Gail is scheduled to meet with the CPD on 1/18/06 to discuss the contract. If the contract is not signed by the January 18th meeting - the board has decided to take action. Some of the ideas included: going to the media, FETCH distribution list, Dog PAC members and the Alderman. We are going to put together a press packet that details our efforts and the timeline. GM will explore Dr. B.'s media contact. We plan to have a letter writing campaign at Dearborn Station on Saturday, February 4th from 10:00 – 2:00. We will provide sample letters, stationary, envelopes and postage. We will also post a sample letter on the website.
 - ii. **Response to the public and their perception of park being built** - We received an email complaining about the park not being built and wanting a refund on the brick purchased if the park was not going to be built. We discussed how to deal with situations such as this.
 - iii. **Keeping things clean** – WI will discuss at the next CAPS meeting. We will ask the Alderman's office to put up signs near 11th & Wabash.
 - iv. **Dog Smarts brochure** – Palmer Printing will give us a 10% discount on the \$1200 printing cost for 2000 pieces. We will revisit this topic.
 - v. **2006 Events/Projects/Outlook** – will discuss at next meeting
 - vi. **The business of being independent** – will discuss at next meeting

7. **Grand Opening Celebration** – will discuss at next meeting
8. **Next board meeting time and place:** The meeting will be held on 2/16/06 at Mary Gwanda's, 910 S. Michigan Ave #716 at 6:30 pm
9. **Meeting adjoined:** *BS/SD 9:02 pm*