

Meeting held @ 1620 S. State 6:30 pm

Present: Juli Valdez, Doug Freymann, Stephanie Daugherty, Pamela Focia; *Absent:* Wendy Ito (*phone check-in*), Lynda Young. Also *present:* member Jeanette Johnson.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE & MISCELLANEOUS

- Approval of the October 7th meeting minutes - passed 3:0
- Pamela Focia will present a short presentation re the SLDogPAC at the GSLA 'State of the South Loop' meeting to be held Saturday 11.20.10.

2. 16TH & WABASH DFA

- Discussion of Alderman Fioretti's presentation (11.17.10) of proposals for a new people and dog park on Wabash south of 16th. Doug, Pam, Juli and Jeanette attended the presentation. Key points noted: Two 'concept designs' were presented. Both included a substantial dog friendly area, including large and small dog spaces, and included various surfaces – asphalt, decomposed granite, artificial grass, concrete – within each design. Actual design specs have not been released. Pam took some camera phone photos, and will distribute those. Of fifty or so people in attendance, almost all were in support of or at least interested in the new park. One person spoke out in opposition to the dog area. A number of other people raised issues and made suggestions. Nobody from True Rock Ministries showed up.
- Alderman Fioretti's representative Leslie Recht has contacted us to "talk about formally setting up the DFA committee" for the new park. Pam Focia and Juli Valdez will follow up with her to arrange a meeting to discuss the plans and expectations with respect to the new committee.
- Juli made the point that long term a park such as the one presented – with multiple surfaces and cleaning requirements – would be best maintained not by ad hoc volunteer clean ups but by engaging a professional maintenance service.

3. BUDGET REVIEW

- The year to date budget report was briefly discussed. The budget report will be included as an attachment to the minutes. Highlights include: Membership fees in 2010 total \$2727; total public support is \$3387. Charitable program expenses (e.g. poo bags, maintenance supplies, & etc) total \$1359. Management and General expenses (e.g. insurance, advertising & informational) total \$2775. Fundraising expenses (e.g. events, brick costs) total \$1434. Net income for 2010 YTD is negative ~(\$2600), which is similar to previous years (2009, -(\$2900), and similarly for 2008).

- Concern was raised about a number of issues – obviously we can't continue to draw off our Reserve (savings) funds. Management and Fundraising expenses (e.g. including flyer printing, party costs, & etc) appear to be excessive, and should be looked at closely in planning the 2011 budget. The possibility of dropping Liability Insurance (\$1024) was raised, but this needs to be looked into further, since it would prevent us from holding events. On the other hand, unless any 'events' net greater than \$1024 over the year, having Insurance/Events becomes a drain on the budget.
- A budget proposal should be presented at the December meeting.

4. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

- It was suggested that use the southloopdogpac blog as a forum to discuss the need for people (board, membership, support) and volunteer involvement. It was also suggested that we survey the membership and Fetch! readership asking – what would it take to get you involved? / what could motivate you to contribute, join, volunteer? Doug will work on drafting these.
- It was suggested that the 'Supporting Members' party as a 'benefit' for membership at that level was just a money sink, and should be dropped next year.
- Membership details and 'benefits' for 2011 will be discussed at the December meeting.

5. GRAVEL REPLACEMENT

- Mary Gawenda has provided information about what it took to get gravel to GBP and CPDR in previous years. Her information will be included as an attachment to the minutes.
- Stephanie will contact Mary to obtain exact information about the amount of gravel and gravel costs for the gravel replacement project in Spring 2011.

6. MONTHLY PARK TABLE

- The need to maintain a presence at the park through monthly 'Park Presence' events was briefly discussed. It was felt that the overhead of hauling stuff to the park was inhibiting enthusiasm.
- In order to address this, it was decided that the long simmering desire to add additional storage at the park needed to be acted on ASAP. Pam will look into getting a broom storage shed to be purchased and installed at Grant Bark Park. The plan will be to have unlocked storage for cleanup tools to be accessible to park users, and locked storage for – the small table, flyers, cards, and display items, dog poop bags, and, eventually, a power washer.

- We should have this in place by December. At that time, we should begin scheduling for a member or volunteer to be at the park each week for an hour or so to distribute information.

7. PARK BANNERS & SIGNAGE

- There has been no response yet from our Columbia College volunteer posting.
- However, we do need to move forward on the plans to create new signage, banners, and rules postings. It was suggested that we contact Britten Banners to help with coming up with designs for these various elements.
- The new GBP Bulletin Board has arrived, but CPD has not been forthcoming about arrangements to install it. Doug will talk to the people at the CPD Maintenance building on Columbus to see if they can help.

8. BRICKS

- The 2010 batch of bricks has been delivered, and they look good. We are waiting on Kinsella to arrange installation. Wendy is coordinating.

9. NEXT MEETING

- The December meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 16th, 6:30 PM; 61 W. 15th St.

Doug Freymann, Secretary

11.23.10 draft

South Loop Dog P.A.C. Profit and Loss Standard

11/23/10

	<u>Jan 1 - Nov 18, '10</u>
Income	
Other Revenues	
4500 — Interest Income	6.26
Total Other Revenues	<u>6.26</u>
Govt Grants & Membership Dues	
Membership Fees	
Business Membership	250.00
Supporting Membership	280.00
Full Membership	785.00
Basic Membership	120.00
Membership Fees - Other	1,292.00
Total Membership Fees	<u>2,727.00</u>
Total Govt Grants & Membership Dues	2,727.00
Public Support & Contributions	
Fundraising Income	
Commemorative Brick Payments	200.00
Total Fundraising Income	<u>200.00</u>
Donations	
Unrestricted Donations	179.50
Donations - Other	274.50
Total Donations	<u>454.00</u>
Total Public Support & Contributions	<u>654.00</u>
Total Income	3,387.26
Expense	
Education Program Service	
6130 — Provide forum for dialogue	275.00
Education Program Service - Other	155.00
Total Education Program Service	<u>430.00</u>
Operating Charitable Program	
Dog Park Maintenance	
6240 — Miscellaneous	568.34

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	Jan 1 - Nov 18, '10
Total Dog Park Maintenance	568.34
6120 — Promote responsible dog own'shp	
6122 — Poop pickup bags & signs	316.64
6120 — Promote responsible dog own'shp - ...	48.28
	364.92
Total 6120 — Promote responsible dog own's...	364.92
Establish Grant Bark Park	
6113 — Kiosk/Donor Board - GrantBrkPrk	425.77
	425.77
Total Establish Grant Bark Park	425.77
Total Operating Charitable Program	1,359.03
Management and General	
6280 — Advertising and Promotions	1,207.42
Website	
Website Hosting	86.40
Domain Registration	31.90
	118.30
Total Website	118.30
Voice Mail/Fax Service	69.00
Filing Fees	
6230 — IL Annual Report & AG990-IL fee	43.00
	43.00
Total Filing Fees	43.00
6550 — Office Supplies	45.68
6250 — Postage and Delivery	41.47
6360 — Liability Insurance	1,024.00
6220 — Bank Service Charges	
6225 — PayPal Service Fee	48.19
6228 — ProPay Service Fee	52.51
	100.70
Total 6220 — Bank Service Charges	100.70
6200 — Occupancy, rent, utilities	
6201 — Post Office Box Rental	56.00
	56.00
Total 6200 — Occupancy, rent, utilities	56.00
Management and General - Other	69.54
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	<u>Jan 1 - Nov 18, '10</u>
Total Management and General	2,775.11
Fundraising Expense	
6050 — Commemorative Brick Costs	
6051 — Brick costs paid to brickmaker	<u>331.00</u>
Total 6050 — Commemorative Brick Costs	331.00
Fundraising Expense - Other	<u>1,103.14</u>
Total Fundraising Expense	<u>1,434.14</u>
Total Expense	<u>5,998.28</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-2,611.02</u></u>

From: MARYOOCH@aol.com
Subject: Re: SLDogPAC - information about gravel
Date: October 11, 2010 11:50:15 AM CDT
To: freymann@northwestern.edu

Hi Doug,

My company (Beverly Asphalt Paving Co.) did the pea gravel work for the dog park. It's not something we normally do, but I was having trouble finding a company to do it. Normally a landscape company would do the work. One company told me I would have to get permits to bring the trucks on Columbus. Another told me they would only spread the gravel, not deliver it.

At Coliseum Park we had to wheelbarrow it all in by hand from the street. We could not pull in the alley and raise the body of the truck because of the El tracks. The other option is to take part of the fence down to bring it in by bobcat but we didn't want to start messing with the fence. Coliseum really needs to be dug out or a small retaining wall built around the stone areas. When the Park District did away with the grass they just dumped stone on the areas and there is nothing to hold it in place. They threw in large stone which is hard for the dogs to walk on. We just brought in pea gravel to clean up the area a little bit.

As for Grant Bark Park: We pulled our trucks up near the Columbus gate and dumped the stone into a Bobcat bucket and drove it in. It is a very tight squeeze getting the machine in the park. Our machine just barely fit through the gates. Once the stone was dumped it had to be spread by hand because of all the trees in the stone area.

The pea gravel is available from Hansen Materials (formerly Material Service.) We had to pick it up in Algonquin. We installed 20 tons of stone. There is a lot of stone in Grant Bark Park. It was pretty deep even before we brought in more. It should be raked to even it out. We use asphalt rakes on that stone (also known as asphalt lutes). It makes it easier to rake that type of stone.

One thing to keep in mind. If you do have someone bring in stone make sure they put boards or make a ramp at the opening in the wall. This is to keep the asphalt from cracking when the machine goes from the asphalt to the stone area.

I hope this helps a little. Our files from 2008 are in storage. I'll try to get them later today or tomorrow. I believe we have the measurements otherwise, I'll try to have my brother stop by both parks and measure and give you an idea of what it should cost.

Mary