

DOG P.A.C.

Meeting #1 Notes

Dearborn Station Atrium

7.19.01

Participants:

DOG P.A.C.: Gail Merritt, Noelle Gaffney, Tina Phillips, Jeffrey Veltman, and Blythe Veltman

Neighbors: 21 dog owners
10 non-dog owners
+ 1 CAPS representative

Overall Concerns/Issues:

1. Establish dog owner responsibilities and awareness (i.e., create handouts for new {and current} South Loop residents with Dog owner responsibilities, signage, post to Kiosk online, etc.)
2. Establish neighborhood "Good Will" / between dog owners and non-dog owners
3. Pursue various options for DFA (Dog Friendly Areas)
4. Establish Points of Contact for neighbors to call with grievances and/or compliments
5. Continue with Feasibility Studies of proposed park areas
6. How many dogs are actually in the neighborhood? Collect numbers from each property management office
7. Get City officials involved now by using numbers/stats

Issues:

Possible Solutions:

Pick up poop [keep neighborhood clean!]

- Add signage around neighborhood
- Dog owners: be bold and ask that person if they "need a bag"
- Carry extra bags
- Have bag receptacles throughout neighborhood

Dogs digging up ground

Refrain dogs from doing so

Response to asking owners to leash dogs

Don't get angry; politely do so

Dogs using drinking fountain

Put up signage until fountain is replaced by one that provides a drinking option for dogs

Barking

Be responsible

Cars parking in Cul de Sac

Police or Dearborn Park Security to enforce