

Meeting held @ 61 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St. #901 7:00 pm

*Present:* Doug Freymann, Stephanie Daugherty, Lynda Young, & Wendy Ito (by phone).

*Also present* - Members Pamela Focia, Chloe Keidaish & Juli Valdez. *Absent:* Deborah Perry

1. Approval of the May meeting minutes distributed 5.17.10 – passed 3:0:1
2. Decision to invite Chloe Keidaish and Juli Valdez to join the SLDogPAC Board – passed 4:0. Chloe & Juli accepted the invitation and became members of the Board as of this meeting, participating in the remainder of the meeting as voting members.
3. Resignation of Barbara Perez from the board, effective 5/18/10 was acknowledged. The SLDogPAC thanks Barbara for her years of service as a board member and as Treasurer. Lynda Young becomes acting Treasurer per board vote in January 2010.
4. Doug reviewed the status of the Treasurer's materials received from Barbara. Lynda was given the checkbook. Lynda & Doug signed off on the AG9990-IL Illinois Charitable Organization Report for 2009, to be submitted before the end of June. A copy of the report is attached to the Minutes.

The SLDogPAC is now certified as a member of TechSoup – a non-profit technology support site – and received a copy of QuickBooks Mac 2010 through TechSoup for an administrative cost of \$25.00. Doug has converted the Quickbooks 2003 format financial files obtained from Barbara to work with more recent versions of Quickbooks, and will review the accounts structure of the file to bring it in line with the requirements of the Charitable Organization Report and with the structure of the SLDogPAC Annual Budget.

5. Pamela Focia reported on planning for the pub membership event to be held at Kroll's South Loop. The date agreed upon: Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup>, from 6-9pm. Pam is coordinating with Keri and Kroll's representatives to finalize planning. Chloe will coordinate setting up a Facebook event and distributing publicity. Pam will report on final details at the next meeting.
6. Planning for the summer DogWash was briefly discussed. Stephanie and Lynda had already agreed to scout out and identify a location for the DogWash so that we can

proceed with requesting a permit and planning for the event. They will report on the issue at the next meeting.

It was emphasized that for the DogWash to go ahead, it will be essential to get the support of the Alderman (e.g. to get the permit quickly). The DogWash was projected to be held in August.

7. Planning for a Park Presence in support of the Membership Drive – Juli and Chloe agreed to coordinate and plan a membership table hosted at Grant Bark Park sometime in July. If successful, this will hopefully become an ongoing monthly membership presence, and can be implemented at both GBP and the Coliseum Park Dog Run.
8. The need for an updated brick order form and membership flyer were briefly discussed. Chloe will draft a simplified brick order form, pending access to the South Loop Dog PAC graphics files library (via sharing of Doug's DropBox folder). Doug emphasized his belief that we need to get rid of the 'negatives' in the GotADogs and in the membership material, in order to develop the organizational emphasis as advocates for dogs in the South Loop rather than projecting, even if inadvertently, a role as neighborhood 'dog nannies'.

Also, the need for a 'Where is the park' handout was briefly discussed. It was thought that we should develop a 'postcard' size map with location and DFA information for distribution to dog owners in the neighborhood. This is to be done.

9. Pam Focia reported on behalf of the Maintenance Committee. It was noted that dog hair is clogging the drains at GBP. It was suggested that we purchase a new broom, and a small tool to clean hair out of the drain. Pam also reviewed 'what we learned' from the GBP cleanup held on May 16<sup>th</sup>:
  - a. Should close the park next time (dogs got in the way of power washing and the flame thrower).
  - b. Screen over the drains in the pea gravel area work well (These were installed last Fall by Lynda and Diana Marta).
  - c. How often should GBP be cleaned?
  - d. Don't know how to level the area around the drain at GBP or Coliseum Park DFA yet. Issue is adhesion of concrete to the underlying asphalt surface.

10. Approval of \$280 + shipping costs to purchase 10000 bags from dogpoopbags.com, passed 6:0.
11. Neighborhood dog waste bag distribution history and theory were briefly discussed. The informal position of the SLDogPAC board is that there should be a 'dispenser on every corner'. A plan in support of that vision is lacking, however. Juli will attempt to discuss the issue with Deb Soehling of the GSLA, with the long term goal of presenting ideas for support from Alderman Fioretti. Doug will follow up contact with Timothy Stevens of the Alderman's office. Chloe will begin thinking about how to implement business sponsorship of bag dispensers.

Stephanie agreed to use the last 4 rolls of bags that we have to fill some of the existing neighborhood dispensers.

12. Doug agreed to look into whether there was a feasible way to distribute paw wax at the entrance to the Grant Bark Park.
13. Chloe agreed to look into whether there were ways that we could implement to improve the 'searchability' of the *southloopdogpac.org* website. (This will be a future issue.)

Chloe and Juli will be given administrative access to our Facebook page so that they can begin uploading pictures and adding content. (The other administrators are Doug Freymann, Deborah Perry, and member Jeanette Johnson (who initiated the page).)

14. Juli and Doug will follow up about the 16<sup>th</sup> x Wabash DFA with representatives of the Alderman's Office and the Chicago Park District, to report at the next meeting.
15. Stephanie reported that the True Rock Ministries Dog Star event was a washout (due to rain). She left materials for display.
16. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in ~~Lynda's Party Room, 1169 S. Plymouth Ct.~~ [Note: due to a scheduling conflict the meeting has been relocated to **1255 S. Michigan Ave #1305.**]

Doug Freymann, Secretary

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