

## **SOUTH LOOP DOG PAC**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

6pm, Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 61 W 15<sup>th</sup> St.

Board members - Doug Freymann, Pamela Focia, Dennis Kalup

1. DISCUSSION OF DOG PARK ISSUES
  - a. DK monitoring FAN; things seem to be going OK
2. UPCOMING EVENTS
  - a. VICE DISTRICT BREW EVENT
    - i. Scheduled for Monday July 25<sup>th</sup>. PJF is organizing.
    - ii. This time, co-sponsored by MetroVet. Issue of how to market w/them – to be discussed.
    - iii. Publicity for event to begin after 7/4 on Facebook; signage for parks.
  - b. 'DOG DAY AFTERNOON' EVENT
    - i. Tentative date August 20, to be confirmed.
  - c. WIGGLES & GIGGLES
    - i. October event
    - ii. Letter to go out ASAP. DK coordinating.
  - d. INSURANCE
    - i. Issue: SLDogPAC support of FAN performance events (we're the only group with formal insurance coverage).
    - ii. Expansion of insurance events coverage (cost \$50). Approved 3:0.
    - iii. PJF coordinating.
3. SOUND SYSTEM AT FRED
  - a. PJF reports that FANPAC submitted a proposal for funding from CPD, which was rejected.
  - b. Birdhouse, Inc proposes shared purchase of \$2K sound system.
    - i. We contribute half, with intention of recouping costs by renting the system to performers.
    - ii. Approved 3:0
4. GRANT BARK PARK W/NEW HIGHRISE AT GRANT PARK
  - a. Issue: New highrises at the southwest corner of Grant Park could lead to increased usage of GBP.
  - b. Possibility of requesting support/contributions from condo/developers for improvements at GBP (pjf to follow up)
5. 'PARK POINT PERSON' IDEA

- a. Issue: Current board is oversubscribed, not enough direct contact with each of the South Loop parks.
- b. Proposal: formalizing 'Park Representatives'
- c. We have *de facto* representatives at each of the parks already.
- d. People are in contact with us who are taking initiative to keep up maintenance and report issues.
- e. Idea is to promote them as a local 'point of contact', with information in the bulletin board (e.g. '*contact your representative Joe Jones about issues at this park*')
- f. SLDogPAC would support with resources and funds and publicity.
- g. Could become involved directly with the SLDogPAC board if wanted to be.

## 6. PARK CLEANUPS

- a. Need cleanup at CPDR for July
  - i. Power washing
- b. Need cleanup at GBP for July
  - i. Power washing? Issue: central water source is not working.
  - ii. Gravel area work
  - iii. Brick area maintenance
- c. Need cleanup at DAP for August
  - i. Power washing
  - ii. Gravel sweeping
  - iii. Grass whacking
- d. FAN is largely self-maintaining over the summer (automatic sprinkler system).
  - i. Could clean up 'fiber piles' along fencing

## 7. SIGNAGE IDEAS

- a. Issue: signs up for too long are boring/overlooked.
- b. Proposal: cycle through informational signs.
- c. Ideas: QR code – leads to page '*get off your phone and play with your dog!*'
- d. Ideas: QR code – direct donation (of a small amount) using Stripe interface

## PENDING ITEMS

1. What to do if there's a dog fight sign – in progress (dk)
2. Develop 'meet the SLDogPAC' events at area parks – 'Yappy Hour' – in progress (dk)
3. Contact Lollapalooza about contribution to SLDogPAC/GBP closure – in progress (pjf)
4. Transition from PayPal to Stripe for payments and donations – in progress (dmf)
5. Update business card – in progress (dk)
6. Continue developing 'membership card' idea (dmf)
7. Purchase weedwhacker – in progress (dmf)
8. Reach out to condo buildings for financial support for dog poop bags – to be done
9. Update 'where are the Parks?' postcard – to be done
10. Continue soliciting for board membership – to be done.
11. Follow up with turf vendor about protocol for winter cleanup (i.e. no H2O) – to be done