SOUTH LOOP DOG PAC
Board Meeting Minutes
6pm, Wednesday, June 29, 2016, 61 W 15th 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 25th. 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

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