

## South Loop Dog PAC

Board Meeting Notes/Minutes 2.25.26

6pm by Zoom, with pamela focia, doug freymann, kimkea harris

### 1. Spring Cleanup Planning

- Plan to schedule cleanups for each park. Tentative dates:
  - CPDR **4/18/26** - coordinate with CPKD 'Earth Day' Cleanups to get supplies.
  - GBP **4/25/26** - coordinate with CPKD 'Earth Day Grant Park' to get supplies.
  - FAN Small Dog **5/2/26** - since last year did not get to small dog area - do separately.
  - FAN Big Dog **5/9/26**
- Issues
  - 1) Request that WATER be turned on, through Talonna Sharp, park supervisor.
  - 2) PUBLICITY for the cleanups through social media, etc.
  - 3) GBP - NEED to use Turf Cleaner. Kimkea has identified a [simple green](#) product; will need equipment to apply properly (hose, reservoir, sprayer)
  - 4) Should have a POWER WASHER available.

### 2. Repairs / Tools / Signage

- GBP Repairs:
  - 1) Check the fallen shade; request repair by CPKD (Talonna Sharp) since this may be a difficult job.
  - 2) Check the sprinkler system. Are all sprinklers working or not?
  - 3) Start moving on patching the turf. There are a number of large holes in the FAN turf; we will need to properly patch (not just CPKD epoxy fill). This is a long term project that may require fundraising. To follow up.
- Contact and coordinate with the person who installed 'easy-up' tents in the past ('ping' and 'pong' poodles owner). We should work with each other, and can help with funding.
- Put up tool holder racks in CPDR and in the small dog space at GBP (like the one already installed in the big dog space). Also, should get large push brooms for both parks.
- Discussion of 'proper' signage as seen at Mary Bartelme Park and the DFA near Wintrust.
  - 1) Bartelme has a 'Code of Conduct' sign. We could implement similar. Include the message - "if you're not comfortable, leave" - i.e. to avoid/defuse conflicts in the park. To follow up.
  - 2) Need to replace the old 'small dog' and 'big dog' area signage, at least for now. Longer term we can get something nicer, more permanent.

### 3. Social/Media Development

- Begin planning for an event at FAN after the cleanups are done. Tentative date: **5/16/26**
  - idea is to have a large community 'park is clean' party.
  - Consider 'Barkingham Fountain Day'!
  - Kimkea has experience organizing events for Shitsu group. Could involve local businesses who have participated in previous events (Doggone Fun!, Bowie Bark, Sydnee's, etc.) Also, 'used dog gear' exchange?

- Let's recruit someone to help with social media. Kimkea will try to identify someone.  
We don't have much of a presence on Facebook, Instagram, etc.
- Need to get Fetch! emails out to announce the schedule of cleanups and events.  
We currently use MailChimp; have ~900 emails on our mailing list; in previous campaigns about 1/3 of recipients open the emails.

#### 4. Membership/Financials Status

- Currently have \$4696 in Checking/Savings

Major Expenses: Dog Poop Bags: \$921 over the last year (since 1.1.25)

USPS Box Rental: \$456/yr

Why not use a home address as physical address? ... Oh! Why not?

2026 USPS box has been paid already (Feb-Feb). Can we close/prorate/refund?

UPS store is similar cost (\$408/yr).

Certainly plan to change this for the future.

Issues: Continuity (people move); Identify the filings that require the physical address (if have to change).

- 45 Memberships over the last year (since 1.1.25)  
23 Donations over the last year.  
Memberships and Donations brought in \$1900 for the period.

#### 4. Next Meeting

Next meeting (4th Wednesday each month) - **Wednesday March 25th 6:00pm**

#### 5. ToDos

1. Request water on at CPDR 4/18/26; request water on at FAN by 5/2/26 (Talonna Sharp).
2. Request water to be on at GBP 4/25/26 (Merril Malone).
3. Finalize the park cleanups dates
4. Check re coordinating with CPKD 'Earth Day' cleanups. *(3.4.26 - Application for 4/18/26 at CPDR has been submitted.)*
5. Get Simple Green Outdoor Pet Odor Eliminator.
6. Get equipment to apply SGOPOE.
7. Obtain access to a power washer (possibly can get from condo).
8. Announce cleanup dates through Fetch! and social media once confirm water available.
9. Request repair of the GBP small dog area shade (Talonna Sharp)
10. Visit GBP at off-hours to watch sprinklers and identify any issues.
11. Contact 'ping' and 'pong' poodles owner and invite to work together.
12. Put up tool holder at FAN small dog area. *(3.4.26 - Tool holder at CPDR has been installed)*
13. Get large push brooms for CPDR and FAN small dog area.
14. Store the 'ice crackers' once the weather warms up.
15. Get access to the CPDR storage bin (the installed lock does not open - cut it off?)
16. Replace the 'small dog' and 'big dog' area signs at FAN.
17. Recruit a volunteer to help with social media.
18. Fetch email blast about upcoming events - initial 'heads-up' sent as soon as possible.