

South Loop Dog PAC

Board Meeting Notes/Minutes 7.22.26

6pm by Zoom, with pamela focia, doug freymann, erin iseminger

1. Park Issues

GBP

- Plumbing - there is a leak by the central water hydrant that is spilling over into the gravel area making it muddy. *[8.12.26 the water hydrant has been turned off]*
- Discussion of adding gravel – (a) to ameliorate the muddy area (b) as a long term need. This has been put off for now.
- The mesh along the gravel area is in more or less ok shape, some torn sections.
- Weed growth is particularly bad at the north end of the fencing.
- The latch on the gate at the south end is still broken (a request was submitted to the park supervisor on May 7th). *[8.12.26 the latch is still broken]*
- We need to remove the broken planter – should be able to request maintenance to remove.

FAN

- We need to know whether the sprinkler system is working properly. Park Supervisor doesn't know. -> dmf to go by park early AM to check this.
- Also need to know whether there are still broken lights at the park - first reported in March. *[8.9.26 lights are still out; followed up with Ward03 alderman's office]*

Hand Sanitizer Dispensers

- Hand sanitizers are being used, seem to be appreciated by park users.
- Tracking usage – this will be another ongoing cost ~\$300/yr at ~\$4/sanitizer bottle. Currently replacing ~2x/month at Fred (small + big) -> \$192/year; less usage at CPDR, GBP

2. Summer Cleanups

- Begin planning end of summer cleanups. Need to schedule these and announce the dates.
- GBP and Fred – for early AM (e.g 7:30a?) on a Saturday morning. Late August, early September?
- Also need to do CPDR, possible piggy backing on one of the other cleanups.

3. Fetch / Social Media / Sponsorships

- Items for *Fetch!* email –
 - 1) parking now available on Columbus;
 - 2) cleanups dates;
 - 3) request for volunteers to support social media and fundraising
- Erin put together a 'social media recruitment' poster in Canva – use this.
- Sponsorships – we need to follow up about current CPkD policies. (Previously, they have been restrictive, and CPkD took all the money.)
- VEG has reached out about supporting dog poop bag supplies. Our understanding is that they already supply bags at the West Loop dog park. -> pjf to follow up with VEG about this.

4. Wiggles & Giggles Halloween Bash

- Consensus is to hold the Wiggles & Giggles event again this October.
- Need to set a date and time.
- Need to reach out to area veterinarians (and other businesses) for donations to support.
- Could we get someone (e.g. social media person) to volunteer to serve as organizer?
- Pam has previously organized -> pjf to write out an outline of what needs to be done.

5. Next Meeting

- Next meeting - **Wednesday August 26th 11AM** [8.13.26 Currently scheduled for August 19th]
- Ongoing meeting schedule – 4th Wednesday of the Month, Morning
- A couple of people (possible board members?) have expressed interest in participating. -> dmf to reach out to them.

5. ToDos

1. Recruit a volunteer to help with social media and/or fundraising.
2. Visit FAN at off-hours to watch sprinklers and identify any issues.
3. Cleanups scheduled.
4. Announce cleanup dates through *Fetch!* and social media.
5. Post cleanup signage at parks, including notice that the parks will be closed.
6. Purchase a longer hose for CPDR (e.g. to use with power washer).
7. Obtain access to a power washer (possibly can get from condo).
8. Organize cleanup task lists for each park.