

Dog Park Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Board Members present:

- Anne
- Walt
- Frank
- Rob
- Kelly
- Shayamala
- George
- Jack

Not present:

- Irene
- Rick

AGENDA

- 1. Voting Procedures**
 - a. We agreed to formalize decision making and voted to use Robert's rules of order to make decisions.
- 2. Sidewalks**
 - a. Anne is working on ordering the permanent plaques to commemorate our donors from Spike's Trophy's. She will circulate proposed language. Anne or Kelly will make sure a copy of the Spirit and/or NorthStar is enclosed with the thank you letter.
- 3. What the Board wants to accomplish next**
 - a. Didn't discuss. Tabled for next time.
- 4. Bulletin Board construction -- Jack and Kelly**
 - a. The old bulletin board is falling apart and is totally not weather proofed.
 - b. A member emailed Kelly about a contractor that may be willing to help – she emailed him, but hasn't heard back.
 - c. Kelly proposed investing in commercial products – presented some web research on prices for professional outdoor bulletin boards, ranging \$170 (18"x24") to \$1000 (96"x48"). Jack proposed building a lien-to like structure – that would serve as both a small shelter and a bulletin board. Roof would be 4x8 – 4' overhang, perhaps shingles. Needs to be well more than 6' tall if its going to be a shelter. Perhaps a skylight. There is an artist who did the roof on Honey's – George will talk to him. Talked about moving the bulletin board to a more prominent and visible location
 - d. Voted (unanimous) in favor of Kelly buying a commercial weatherproof bulletin board (either 3x3 or 3x4, which would cost \$270 to \$370). Jack to price the cost of other building materials and report back shortly.
- 5. Treasurer's report – Frank**
 - a. Frank handed out a treasurer's report.
- 6. Hound-o-ween and after party De-Brief – Walt**
 - a. The Happy Hours made about \$1000; there was \$280 left after Hound-o-ween, donated to the treasury.
 - b. Length of Event: We discussed that 3 hours was too long – maybe only 1 to 1.5 hours next year. All agreed that it was good to have named a specific time for the judging.
 - c. Afterparty: Only about 10 people showed up for after-party – discussed whether we should continue. Decided yes (there was an Eagles game at the time), but maybe move it directly after Hound-o-ween.
 - d. Thank-yous: Kelly is sending out thank-yous for all the donations. Will get the letterhead that Shayamala did and emailed to Anne.
- 7. Lighting – how its working**

- a. Light on front section of street light on Orianna – bulb has gone out? Kelly will follow up with PECO/Streets Dept.
 - b. New light – will see if it needs to be adjusted when the leaves fall off the tree. May be able to illuminate a little more of the park if we adjust it.
- 8. Plans for turning off the water**
- a. We need a special wrench – Frank says he has the wrench. Frank & Walt will coordinate to turn off. Anne will call the plumber to find out how much they'll charge if they do it. Several board members noted they and other members are still using the water, and filled the barrel up recently. Probably have until end Nov/early Dec before it freezes.
- 9. Workday De-Brief**
- a. We noted that the tools/wheel barrel should probably be chained to prevent theft – Jack or Walt will follow up.
 - b. We had a very successful workday, and discussed how to get such a successful turnout next time: Promoting it well; good time of year (not hot/cold); announced it the night before to large group at Pup-peroni; we had food & drink.
 - c. Maybe next time, we'll approach Starbucks, WholeFoods, Dunkin Donuts, and/or local shops in the hood.
 - d. Scheduled workdays: 3/27/06 + 05/19/2006
- 10. Beef and Beer -- pick a date**
- a. Maybe in February – before Lent. Bowling alley owner said he'd donate for the Beef n' Beer
 - b. Tabled to next meeting.
- 11. Bollard sponsorship -- how to introduce to general membership -- limited number of bollards, cost, etc.**
- a. Bollards designed by Leo Razzi cost \$200 per – numerous people are interested in sponsoring one/can be personalized. There are 8 bollards.
 - b. The Board voted unanimously to comp one for Jonathan Sher (in memory of Isis) – we opted to comp it b/c he's the founder of the park. If the comped one is split amongst the other bollards, they are \$230 each.
 - c. Kelly will send out an email to ask if any members want to sponsor, first come, first served.
- 12. Garden**
- a. Monica asked if the garden folks could use the insurance money (\$377) to remove the tree? We decided that they should get an estimate – and we'll decide then if they can use the check to cover.
- 13. Little Dog Area**
- a. A member is interested in putting in a small dog area in the external area. He priced out fencing, and its about \$300. We discussed that there is already the corner lot that small-dog users could use, but to make it viable the gate (on Orianna & Poplar) needs to be fixed and a sign needs to be attached. We also discussed putting it inside the park, as proposed. We also discussed possibly putting in a gate from the interior gate of the park to the corner lot.
 - b. Consensus is that this won't get done before winter, and we should re-visit in the spring. In the meantime, need to talk to the garden people about their thoughts (re: the corner lot) – they've been using it for years, and have to go through the corner lot to get to the garden area. Kelly will also ask for input from membership as to whether they think a dedicated small-dog area is necessary, and if so, where it should be.
- 14. Podcasting Meeting Minutes**

- a. Rob suggested maybe podcasting our board meetings and/or doing a summary of the board meetings as a podcast.

15. T-shirts as a Fundraiser – Jack

- a. Jack looked into getting shirts made – approx. \$6/each (75 shirts).
- b. Shayamala will work up a design (working off our letterhead); also, her boyfriend used to do that and could link us with a with a vendor. Would be great if we could sell at the Beef & Beer.

16. Secretary’s Report/Monthly membership update – Kelly

Total Households (paid, unpaid & expired)	247
Total Persons (paid, unpaid & expired)	321
Total Persons for whom we have valid email	202
Total Current PAID members	149 (46%)
Total Current FREE members	29
Expired Households	90
New members, October 2007	16 (9 paid; 7 free)
Renewals, October 2007	14 (14 paid; 0 free)