

Dog Park Board Meeting

Tuesday October 3, 2006

Board Members present:

- Anne
- Irene
- Walt
- Frank
- Jack
- Rob
- Lisa
- Kelly
- Shayamala

Not present: George, Rick.

TASKS

1. Anne
 - a. Sidewalks: Follow up on sidewalks, including plaque, bollards
 - b. Workday: pick up pizza
2. Jack
 - a. Follow up with electrician re: installing lighting.
 - b. Workday: buy front gate (look into)
 - c. Look into benches for park
3. Walt
 - a. Continue to organize Hound-o-ween.
 - b. Puperoni: bring wine & beer
 - c. Workday: bring beer & water
4. Irene
 - a. Sidewalks: Follow up on sidewalks
5. Kelly
 - a. Email members re: (1) Hound-o-ween, (2) Workday (10/14/06), including need for carpenter to build bulletin board, (3) Puperoni, (4) raise in dues
 - b. Workday: (1) Create sign and hang in park, (2) buy tools: clippers, rakes (2-3 one for grass, one to spread chips), contractor bags, shovels. Jack will get stones for under water, (3) bring drill + pliers, (4) send 2 emails reminding (one this weekend, and another right before event).
 - c. Bring list of paid members for Houndoween after party
6. Rob
 - a. Sidewalks: contact Fox 29's Features Reporter
 - b. Workday: Create signup sheet + hang in park.
7. George
 - a. Sidewalks: write press release and distribute to media when date for press event for sidewalks is set.
8. Shayamala: update the letterhead Neil originally created

AGENDA

1. **Sidewalk Repair.** Cement mason union have agreed to donate labor to replace the sidewalks! Also, re: breaking up sidewalks, the cement apprentices will do it. We'll prepare a Certificate of Thanks as temporary gesture for donations for materials, water people, etc. until brass plaque is completed, which can be installed on light post. Plaque takes several weeks to make. There was discussion re: chains on bollards, board nixed. Also discussed position of and possibility of parking between bollards. One at each end of property along Poplar St., then the remaining 6 spaced evenly between, but we don't want to mess up truck access to community garden in case they have to get gardening supplies in there. Still unsure if 8 bollards is too much. Will measure space. Need to figure

out how to handle access to dog park during sidewalk renovations.

- a. **Costs.** Cost of materials is \$2500-3000, and 8 bollards @ \$200 = \$1600. Anne has generously volunteered to cover half the cost of the bollards, and/or we're still in the ballpark for Dave Perlman to cover materials. We'll have to cover cost for 1-2 dumpsters (they'll arrange to get dumpsters). Also, will be getting insurance check from initial truck damage to Poplar St. sidewalk, but not enough to cover all repairs.
- a. **Bollards.** Leo Razzi will be creating artistic bollards (based on garden & dog theme, but otherwise by artist's design) - artwork will be on top of bollards.
- b. **Publicity.** We want to have an event to publicize the generous contribution by the cement mason union. Rob will contact Fox 29's Features Reporter, George Miller also interested making publicity contacts.
2. **Electric.** Contract with electrical contractor is signed - Will have \$1000 bill for the light pole (PECO will bill). Status: Jack spoke with them - they're still working with PECO re: getting the pole. We discussed that we want the pole to be moved closer to the wall - Jack will work with the electrical contractor. When they come, it will be a one-day job. Should be installed within next 2-3 weeks.
3. **Pup-Peroni Event.** Pupperoni will stop at our dog park on Friday October 13th from 4-6 as part of their Nat'l tour to promote product & dog friendliness. There will be Vespa sidecar for doggie photo ops. Walt to bring wine & beer - will combine with weekly happy hour.
4. **Workday.** We discussed ways to make the workday a success.
 - a. **Clean up day focus:** (1) gates around park - really overgrown, (2) Woodchips - get them delivered so we can spread, (3) Anne will focus on the section where the memorial is going, (4) Walt has a pressure washer that he'll bring, (5) adding stones for under water, (5) repair back gate so both doors swing out, (6) maybe replace front gate.
 - b. **Tools/Supplies.** Kelly will buy tools: clippers, rakes (2-3 one for grass, one to spread chips), contractor bags, shovels. Jack will get stones for under water. Jack will look into a new front gate. Kelly bring drill + pliers
 - c. **Food + Drink.** 2nd Street Pizza is donating pizza - Anne will pick up. Walt will buy beer and water.
 - d. **Encouraging Participation.** We discussed usual dismal participation in workdays. Someone suggested a signup sheet to pressure members to sign up. Rob will do one and hang it tomorrow. Kelly will hang flyers + send 2 emails reminding (one this weekend, and another right before event).
5. **Hound-o-ween.** Plans for Hound-o-ween are in order. We discussed that after-party is for dues-paying members only. Kelly to remind members of this in email newsletter to to bring list of paid members for Ministry so we can check.
6. **Fundraising Plans.** Beef & Beer was a success. Should make an annual thing. Other ideas: (1) Walk a thon to raise money for a shelter (maybe the rescue that Chic Petique works with), (2) Greyhound rescue event (a member suggested), (3) Design t-shirts & sell (maybe a contest to design)
7. **Editing letterhead.** We need someone who has software to update the letterhead Neil originally created. Shayamala will.
8. **Park Benches?** Jack wants benches for park. We discussed that we want sturdy, long lasting one.