

# Dog Park Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 5, 2006

## AGENDA

1. **Beef and Beer Fundraiser**

We discussed dates for this year's Beef & Beer. We should do it after lent to avoid meat-eating issues. Discussed music – maybe Irene's band? She'll check w/ band members.

2. **Next work day: 3/24/2007 and 5/19/2007**

- a. We discussed getting a coffee shop -- maybe Dunkin Donuts -- to contribute beverages and donuts for that event. If they're not willing, asking Starbucks, then Cosi.

3. **Sending an e-mail about stray dogs** -- Anne

- a. Given that at least 2-3 strays have been found in the park recently, Anne proposed sending an email saying if a stray dog is found DO NOT dump her in the dog park -- anyone who finds a stray dog should follow appropriate steps of care themselves. However, we decided this was unnecessary, as our members are unlikely to do so.

4. **Bulletin Board construction** -- Jack and Kelly

We decided that we would not do this until spring, but discussed design options. (Since the meeting, Jack has discussed this with a contractor friend of his, who has more ideas about design + build, now planned for the spring).

5. **Lighting - decide whether it is to be adjusted**

We discussed whether the light needs to be adjusted – tilted to project in the 3rd Street direction. However, as we've had no complaints, the board decided to wait at least 6 mo. to see if we get input from members.

6. **Plans for turning off the water** - Jack, Frank & Walt

Frank found the key that needs to be used to turn off the water for the winter – requires going into the access in the sidewalk. Frank and Walt will do it this Saturday. Kelly will inform membership via email.

7. **Podcasting** - Rob & Kelly

Rob & Kelly created the dog park's first podcast about the goings-on at the park. Members can either subscribe via itunes or download an mp3 – links for both are on [www.oriannahill.org](http://www.oriannahill.org). We discussed topics for additional episodes in the future – perhaps interviewing Jonathan Sher or doing a feature on certain dogs.

8. **T-shirts as a Fundraiser** – Jack + Shayamala

Tabled until next meeting.

9. **Meeting Times**

Due to a change in Frank's schedule, we changed the meeting date back from the first Tuesday back to third Monday of the month. This schedule will begin in Feb – we'll still meet the first Tues in Jan (which is 1/2/07).

10. **Treasurer's Report** – Frank

Frank provided a spreadsheet of recent expenditures and deposits. After the meeting, Anne requested that he prepare a more detailed expense report and as good an income report as is feasible for the next meeting.

11. **Secretary’s Report/Monthly membership update** – Kelly

Kelly explained how she arrives at the below statistics – including that some member households have more than 1 person using the park. Dues are paid on a per voting member basis (and this is how the current membership brochure is structured) – e.g. if two members use the park, technically, they should pay \$40, although this doesn’t always happen. There was discussion as to whether this is how it should be done – e.g. maybe larger households shouldn’t have to pay more. Kelly said she would check the by-laws for guidance. (Update: the bylaws merely state that: “There shall be two types of members: Voting members and non-voting members. Voting members are those persons who have paid an annual membership fee to be set by the corporation and have been duly recognized by the Directors. ”)

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| <b>Total Households (paid, unpaid &amp; expired)</b> | 250                          |
| <b>Total Persons (paid, unpaid &amp; expired)</b>    | 325                          |
| <b>Total Persons for whom we have valid email</b>    | 206                          |
| <b>Total Current PAID members</b>                    | 136 members (121 households) |
| <b>Total Current FREE/Comp Households</b>            | 21                           |
| <b>Expired Households</b>                            | 106                          |
| <b>New members, November 2006</b>                    | 3 (2 paid; 1 free)           |
| <b>Renewals, November 2006</b>                       | 5 (5 paid; 0 free)           |

12. **New/Other Business**

- a. **Bollards.** We have sponsors for all 8 bollards. We discussed that we gave ideas to Leo Razzi, but then he had artistic freedom. Jack wanted to discuss more with Leo, so he is going to follow up with him personally.
- b. **Strawberry Pet Products Online Dog Resource Guide.** Someone approached Irene about putting info about FOOHP on this website @ [www.strawberrypetproducts.com](http://www.strawberrypetproducts.com). We agreed this was fine.
- c. **Benches.** We discussed buying new benches – perhaps made out of recycled plastic? Or maybe something more permanent. However, the permanent benches at Liberty Lands were destroyed.
- d. **Garden Issues.** First, we need a liaison – no one has been able to reach Rick (After the meeting, Anne sent an email to all the garden people asking for a liaison). Also, there appears to be some minor damage to the gate – it won’t close (from the tree?). Jack will fix (he has done so since the meeting).
- e. **Electric Bill.** We have not yet received a bill.
- f. **Light on Orianna Street.** It was not repaired, although Kelly called PECO. She will try again.
- g. **Reimbursements.** We discussed the need to more formally request reimbursements – e.g. that we would begin using a reimbursement request form in addition to simply submitting receipts.