

# Dog Park Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 2, 2007

Board Members present:

Walt Gilpin, Anne Waginger, Frank Bartell, George Miller, Rob Parker, Jack Cassidy  
Monica from the corner garden plots

Not present:

Kelly, Shayamala

## AGENDA

1. **Approve December minutes**
2. **Secretary's Report/Monthly membership update** – Kelly

	Dec., 2006	2006 TOTALS
<b>Total Households (paid, unpaid &amp; expired)</b>	258	started with 153
<b>Total Persons (paid, unpaid &amp; expired)</b>	335	started with 196
<b>Total Persons for whom we have valid email</b>	211	(unk)
<b>Total Current PAID members</b>	145 members (127 households)	(unk)
<b>Total Current FREE/Comp Households</b>	22	(unk)
<b>Expired Households</b>	107	(unk)
<b>New members</b>	9 (8 paid, 1 free)	+ 105 (83 paid, 22 free)
<b>Renewals</b>	7 early renewals (taking effect in first quarter '07)	+ 41 renewals

Lots of discussion on the cutoff to save \$10. It's all moot anyway.

3. **Bulletin board** – Jack

Jack talked with his carpenter friend who has some plans and thinks we can get it done in one day. They'll pick a day this spring for the construction. Jack found a nice holder for the park brochures in a magazine.

4. **Podcasting** – Rob

Rob wants to try to do them monthly. He'd also like to shoot a video when Leo Razzi starts building the bollards.

5. **Bollards update** – Anne will e-mail Leo

6. **T-Shirt ideas** – Jack and Shyamala

7. **Beef and Beer** – decide on date; Irene's band

April 21<sup>st</sup> is the date for the beef and beer. Walt will have a list of things that we need to do at the next meeting. Jack and Shyamala are in charge of t-shirts.

8. **Garden liaison and condition of corner garden space**

We discussed the state of the garden now that the tree has been removed. Who is maintaining the lot? The blue barrels must be removed. They are no longer needed since we now have running water. They are up for grabs. The toys are to be removed as well.

The garden folks plan to build a tabletop on the tree stump, plant two small trees and do some cleanup this spring. There are some garden plots available for rent. Rent goes up to \$30 this year.

Walt expressed his concern with the liability we bear by giving people unlimited access to the garden and corner lot. He suggested that the gardeners sign a waiver releasing us from liability.

**9. Treasurer's partial year-end report – Frank**

– no discussion

**10. Third Street new construction adjacent to park**

We discussed a request by developer to encroach 12 feet into the dog park for construction on 3<sup>rd</sup> street building just north of the park. Since we were missing some members, we agreed that it was important enough to vote by email.

We discussed the construction and security of the fence. Is there a deal for us? Our fence will leak wood chips and debris onto their property. Could they replace our fence and build a retaining wall all along 3<sup>rd</sup> street?

**11. Hot beverages, snacks for next work day in March**

Next work day is in March. We discussed asking local coffee shops for donations for the work day. George Miller will ask some local shops.

**12. Discuss applying for PA sales tax exemption**

We are not exempt from sales tax. We should explore filling out the form and getting the paperwork to the proper people in order to get sales tax exempt status. We may need to adjust the bylaws.

**13. OTHER**

Anne got the plaques and they're really nice. We don't have a date to put them on the wall but we'll do to sometime in the spring. Should they be on the wall or the new bulletin board?

We have yet to receive a water bill or electric bill. We can turn the water back on to refill the barrel.