

# Dog Park Board Meeting

Monday, March 19, 2007

## Board Members present:

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

## Not present:

## AGENDA

### 1. Approve February minutes

Voted: approved (unanimous).

### 2. Garden Plots and Liaison

Anne sent an email to all the current plot holders, asking them if they want to renew, and informing them that they have to do 15 hours, which could include acting as a liaison. She has some interest from a couple new people who may want to act as a liaison.

### 3. T-Shirts – Rob

Rob is ordering shirts tomorrow. We voted on/approved a design – going across the entire front of the shirt (rather than a small logo on the upper right). Will be 3 color printing. We'll order 100 shirts. Our cost: men's: approx. \$7, women's (girlie T): \$8-9. We'll charge \$15 a shirt. They will take 2 weeks to receive, so we'll have them in time for the beef and beer.

### 4. Upcoming Workday (3/24/07) – assign "foreman"; refreshments (update from Jack); rain-date

We discussed possibly postponing the clean up, as with the snow and ice, it might be very muddy. Its supposed to be warm later in the week, so it will probably all melt. We voted to keep it on Sat., and to re-assess if things look different by Thurs.

Supplies: we need bags (some want the paper lawn & leaf bags) – Anne will buy.

Jack will act as foreman. We discussed some of the projects that need to be tackled: cleaning up winter debris, evening woodchips, cleaning up the corner lot (getting rid of kiddie toys & the blue bin).

### 5. B & B update – Walt

Walt has printed tickets. He has been keeping a list of expenses.

Jack and Walt will print posters to begin posting around the neighborhood.

Because the April Board meeting is the week of the event, we'll also meet on **Monday, 4/9/07 at 6:30** specifically to go over B&B details.

### 6. Sales tax exempt status – Anne

The paperwork to get tax exempt status is in process. Anne sent on 2/26/07, she expects word fairly soon. We will hold off on big purchases (e.g. bulletin board) until we get word.

### 7. Water bill issue – Anne

Water bill came to 901 Orianna St. (the park!), so we never received it, and our bill became overdue. Anne finally received it, and she contacted the water department – to change the bill to Anne’s address, which has now happened. However, we were charged the residential rate, and should be charged the non-profit rate – Anne is actively working the problem.

**8. Discuss possible problems with large numbers of dogs in park at one time**

We discussed that there are times when the park is getting really overcrowded. Irene mentioned that over the last 10 years, there have been approx. 4000 people in the neighborhood; its expected that this will *double* in the next 5 years. This is an ongoing issue we need to think about. We may at some point need to limit to members only (keys?) or limiting to registered members only at certain times (Fri, 5-8?).

**9. Inter-board communication (including online voting)**

There has been a problem where Board members aren’t responding when emails go out that need voting. The same 3-4 people are the ones who always respond to email, but everyone needs to. There admittedly was a Board listserve problem, and Jack and Shyamala weren’t getting emails from the list, and that was part of the problem. Walt doesn’t check that often – will call for important issues.

**10. Podcast update – Rob**

Rob completed the second listserve – an informative interview with founding member Jonathan Sher. Its posted on the website.

**11. Board Listserve Problem – Kelly**

Our Board email list (listserve) is administered through the same website that hosts our website, APlusNet. We’ve been having a lot of problems over the last few months. Most recently, both Jack and Shayamala were mysteriously deleted from the list. The only common thread is that they both have comcast addresses + Kelly did get an email maybe two weeks ago returning messages to them from the listserve b/c it didn't pass their spam filter. However, this isn't the first time this has happened - Rob was once was mysteriously deleted as well. There have also been issues where the list defaults to a moderated list, meaning only Kelly can send to the listserve. We decided to use another listserve manager – Rob has reliably used the free google service, and will set up an email list for the Board ASAP.

**12. Shoveling**

We need to set up a contract for next year. Action item for fall.

**13. Bollard Update**

3 bollards have finally been installed. Jack has been trying to catch up with Leo, and has been having a difficult time. Leo misspelled one: he wrote “sponsored” instead of “sponsored” – Jack will discuss correctly it with Leo.

**14. Presentation by Dave McHenry and Scott Erdy from Erdy McHenry Architecture, LLC (230 N. 2nd St, Phila. PA 19106, 215-925-7000)**

Before Dave and Scott arrived, we discussed the proposed adding of a window in the property wall we share on Orianna Street, on the north side of the park. We need specific info: want to know how high it is, how big, and a guarantee that no one will complain about dog noise (that will run with the land). We decided we are not opposed in theory, but want an agreement in writing. They should do the first draft,

and we will make edits. If the work on the window needs to begin immediately, we won't withhold permission, but it is conditional on get this agreement in writing.

Presentation: Dave McHenry and Scott Erdy

1. Windows – need to install/break through party wall. Will be installing 3 windows - 12 feet wide by 6 feet tall TOTAL, 10 feet off the ground. For light and ventilation.
2. Rooftop A/C Unit – Need to put the A/C unit on the roof, and need access to the park to do so. Two options: take down outer fence, install and they will replace in one day; or go through 3rd Street fence (could drive truck in) and then hoist up. Timeline: 3/29 or 3/30.
3. Trees – A couple trees growing out of foundation, forming a crack. Want to remove + will pay to do so. We discussed chipping the trees there, so we can have the mulch (we potentially proposed them removing other trees as well).
4. Mulch – our mulch has backed up against their building (16"); they would ask that we try to keep it away. We proposed that they help us with a solution – e.g. grading the land.

We discussed possible compensation: a new outer fence with an apron so that wood chips don't leak out (they will price the width of the park on Orianna, and also the entire periphery of the park, including the garden). Re-grading of land b/w inner and outer fence so that wood chips don't grade toward the wall. Possibly removing other trees.

After they left, Board discussed what we want in a fence. Style: We decided we do not want an opaque fence, for security reasons, and so that dogs can see one another. Maybe a "picket" style fence. Must have an apron, to keep wood chips in the park. Height: 6' tall, with shorter gate (and perhaps an arch over the gate to bring it to 6'). Material: either (1) Recycled plastic (what the inner gate is made of) in cedar color, or (2) wood. We do not want chain link fence, or vinyl. The Board voted on and approved these specs. Kelly will email this to the Board, and then she will email to Dave and Scott.

#### **15. Treasurer's Report**

None.

#### **16. Secretary's Report/Monthly membership update – Kelly**

<b>Total Households (paid, unpaid &amp; expired)</b>	286
<b>Total Persons (paid, unpaid &amp; expired)</b>	377
<b>Total Persons for whom we have valid email</b>	230
<b>Total Current PAID members</b>	128
<b>Total Current FREE members</b>	19
<b>Expired Households</b>	153
<b><u>New members, January 2007</u></b>	9 (8 paid; 1 free)
<b><u>Renewals, January 2007</u></b>	2
<b><u>New members, February 2007</u></b>	4
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