

**DOG PARK BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCT. 16th
AGENDA**

Board Members present:

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

Not present:

- Rob
- Irene

1. Approve September minutes

Approved (unanimous).

2. Should we plan for more woodchips in early December

Approved (unanimous). We'll order at least two more.

3. Third Street Developer – updates; Anne's discussion with Mike Pomerantz and Sadie Ladov

We believe that the fence is on our property, and, after discussing that we should inform Silica of that. Assuming we do this, we should copy everyone we can think of – ZBA, Larry Friedman, Jennifer Lewis, Silica. Kelly moved to spend the \$300 to survey the land officially to confirm our borders; all approved. Anne will follow up. Kelly reached out to L&I, but hasn't heard back.

4. Snow removal contract

We discussed last year and said we'd plan in the fall. Anne knows some neighborhood guys that charge \$10/hour – will look into it. Also, Liberty Lands has someone – Anne will inquire with Jessica/Janet. Kelly will look into commercial contracts.

5. Rules for garden tenders

- No rat poison!
- Keeping it clean; must clean the corner lot.
- Codifying responsibility to be a liaison

George suggested a spring garden meeting with the gardeners to mesh out issues with them.

6. Sales tax exempt status

It was left at the point that we had to amend our articles of incorporation to include certain language – that its already in our by-laws but needs to be in articles. Anne sent it in to change, but hadn't heard back. She needs to call to confirm the change has been made, and then inform the other department, to proceed with tax exempt status.

7. Safety deposit box

Anne looked into; will open at Girard Branch of Third Federal.

8. Water bill

We will discuss next time.

9. Keys to locked bulletin board

Anne made copies and will pass out keys.

10. Adding pay-pal to the website – have we heard from Neil on this

Kelly followed up with Neil, and he said he'd develop a web form for entering membership info. Kelly is to set up a meeting with him.

11. Fencing off part of foyer for small dogs

Anne thought we should seriously consider fencing off portion of the foyer. She has concerns about using the corner space, which is reserved for community and use by children (and that was the idea at the time of the founding of the park), and kids should play in an area with dog poop! Shayamala noted there are so many dogs in the park now that it might be good to have another area. Kelly thought there wasn't a problem between small and little dogs, and isn't sure if this is necessary. This idea has come up again and again over time. We decided this is a spring project, and we should initiate again then.

12. Hound-o-ween update – Walt update

Walt said it will be from 12:30-3:00; judging at 1:30. Hot cider, beer, something for kids; prizes for dogs, honorable mention, we'll give out FOOHP t-shirts. Rain date: 10/28/2007, same time.

13. Bollard update

Anne has called Leo every week; he keeps saying he's behind. She'll again follow up to nail down a date.

14. Voting members – how to determine; consider bylaws change

Kelly proposed having an "individual" membership @ \$30 and a "household" membership @ \$50. Households would get 2 votes. Shayamala noted this might upset people to have price raised again; at one point there was confusion as to whether you pay by dog (seems not to be an issue so much anymore). George suggested a "lifetime" membership – we discussed b/w \$200 and \$500 (we have trouble getting people to renew so this may be a good idea).

Jack proposed a tag (colored) showing that persons are members. Jack will look into it.

Shayamala said there's a member-only park in West Philly that requires a key; not that that's how we want to structure but she'll look into how they are structured.

Anne wants to discourage free memberships, considering how cheap it is. We discussed the reasons for free memberships: (1) to get people to register, (2) We state in some Articles of Incorporation & bylaws that this is a community space, available for free.

15. Poop Bags – Shayamala

Shayamala needs someone to order 6000 bags + container. Anne will do it.

16. Secretary's Report/3d Quarter Membership Update

Below is a total of critical membership numbers for this quarter. As you can see, out of 406 TOTAL members in our database (that includes *everyone*- paid, expired, inactive, garden), we have 148 paid members, or about a third. We gained 61 new memberships this quarter, of which 32 were paid (21 new, 11 renewals); 29 folks signed up as free members, or about half. When folks sign up, I do send a welcome email, which urges the free folks to become paying members. I rarely, although occasionally, will get a follow up check in the mail. You'll notice there are no numbers in July - I must have entered all of July's in August, and counted them as August.

New Members/Renewals 3rd Quarter (July-September, 2007)						
Member Type	PAID members	FREE members	Expired Households	Inactive	Garden	TOTAL
<i>Subtotal</i>	148	60	156	33	9	406
Membership Totals (as of September 30, 2007)						
	July	August	September	TOTAL (July-Sept)	2nd quarter (Apr-Jun)	
New Members, PAID	0	14	7	21	35	

New Members, FREE	0	16	13	29	22	
Renewals	0	3	8	11	19	
<i>Subtotal</i>	0	33	28	61	76	