

# DOG PARK BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 15, 2008

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Present

- Anne
- Jack
- Kelly
- Barb
- Walt
- Ruth
- Irene

### Not Present

- Dan
- Rob

#### **1. Approve August minutes**

- a. Move to approve; second; unanimous in favor.

#### **2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street fence & retaining wall**

- a. Jack got 2 estimates. Same height as now (7 feet from ground). Esthetically the fence would match the one between us and property to the north. The (3-4') retaining wall would be a little less fancy – we would just use cinder blocks, to reduce costs. Also includes chain link estimate on Orianna side for small dog area. We discussed fact that ground is higher on Orianna side, and ground is constantly eroding down toward 3<sup>rd</sup> Street side. We discussed whether we need permits (+ cost associated).
  - i. A.V.C. Iron Works – 12 x 6 ft. gate. 3' retaining wall; 4' fence. \$12,600.
    1. Have done local work – on Poplar next to Almanac, on Brown.
    2. Using 1" square fencing to reduce cost.
  - ii. New Market Iron Works - \$19,750.
    1. They are a local company (New Market Street).
    2. Used 2" square – although Jack had said to price 1" – Jack will find out estimate with 1" fencing.
  - iii. Kelly called the contractor that did the Silica fence – Komplete Welding. Actually, they told her that they bid for the job, but didn't get it, but could give an estimate. Kelly has left 2 messages, but no call back yet. Kelly will follow up again.
  - iv. We discussed whether we could afford it this year – it would only leave a couple/few thousand dollars in the bank. We may need to further fundraise. Anne mentioned that, however, the dog park existed for many years with little money in the bank, and our dues should go to improve the park.
  - v. We discussed wanting to get an estimate for a stuccoed retaining wall like the one on the Silica fence. It faces a major street and we might get pushback if the retaining wall is not attractive enough. Another alternative is to have artistic embellishment on the retaining wall – a mural, etc. We also want info on how much it would cost to get a 6' fence.

- vi. There are a couple trees whose roots might be under or too close to the fence. We need to investigate. We think they are Mulberrys.
- vii. Motion to table until we get more info on estimates and will brainstorm ideas on fundraising.

**3. Fundraiser**

- a. We brainstormed ideas for fundraisers – maybe a winter one. Maybe get a one time liquor license. Or “buy” a cinder block in the retaining wall.

**4. Tags**

- a. We are going to phase into the annual membership system. We need to figure out what to do with folks who paid in the latter half (or last quarter) of 2008 – will they get a 2009 tag + then we’ll ask them to pay the additional prorated amount?
- b. Think only \$0.25 per tag.
- c. For paying members or only all registered members? We need to get the answer to the legal question of whether we exclude non-paying people.
- d. \$5 replacement fee if you lose a tag.
- e. How will be distribute? Set up time when we will staff a table and distribute.
- f. Kelly moved that all registered members, paying or not, will get tags. Seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.
- g. Irene to use a yellow or other bright color, star-shaped small dog tag, with “FOOHP 2009” on it; Walt seconded, unanimous vote in favor.

**5. Tree Planting**

- a. There is a program, “Tree Vitalize” administered by the Horticultural Society, inviting communities to plant a tree on their properties.
- b. 2 trees, inside the property (not on the sidewalk), 15’ apart, one on each side of the fence. Anne will see if they can accommodate.

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