

**DOG PARK BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCT. 15th, 2008
AGENDA**

Present

- Anne
- Jack
- Kelly
- Walt
- Ruth
- Dan

Not Present

- Rob
- Irene
- Barb

Guest: Sharyn O'Mara

1. **Approve August minutes – unanimously approved.**
2. **Proposed 3rd Street Fence**
 - a. **Costs for 3rd St. retaining wall, fence and gate – Jack**
 - i. A.V.C. Iron Works: \$11,340 – for retaining wall (unfinished), 3+ ft. fence, driveway gate (12'x6'), 70-80 ft. fence matching the adjacent (Silica) fence; would remove old fence, erect temporary fence so no park closure. \$12,740 – with finished coat on retaining wall. Only require 1/3 deposit and remainder upon completion. This will take approximately 2 weeks.
 - ii. Discussed concern about whether it will damage the sidewalk – Jack will discuss with them (Sharyn will assist). Need clearer specifications in the proposal.
 - iii. Our current \$13,800 in bank. Leaves us about \$2,500.
 1. Major expenses = insurance (\$1115) – just paid and that balance accounts for the payments.
 2. Discussed reservations about only having \$2,500 – Anne pointed out that until a couple years ago.
 3. Need guarantee that price is a guarantee b/c we can't afford to pay more. Jack will follow up.
 - iv. Sharyn will approach Bart Blatstein with estimate to see if they will donate a portion.
 - v. Anne moves for \$11,340 plan; Dan 2nds. Unanimous in favor pending more specific specifications and will not go over budget.
 - b. **Designs for retaining wall – Sharyn O'Mara**
 - i. Sharyn talked with a few artists that are members. Bounced around idea of ceramic tile/clay work? Maybe get images of dogs on it (or fragments thereof) + do it as a

fundraiser. There are a few artists that could work together & Sharyn could head up a brainstorming effort & present a few ideas: Sue Patterson, Jackie, Naomi (Hazel).

3. **Kids in the park, dogs in the corner lot**
 - a. **Dogs in corner lot – a gardener reported poop in the garden.**
 - b. **Kids**
 - i. We again discussed kids in the park.
 - ii. Some dogs like kids, but not all. Sharyn discussed the fear of having your dog hurt a child and being responsible for it.
 - iii. Kelly discussed that parents can't use dog park if kids are excluded.
 - iv. Kelly, Sharyn will work on guidelines & work with Leigh from Opportunity barks.
4. **Tree Vitalize program – brief update from Anne**
 - a. Some requests to have trees inside park. Already two trees inside park. Difficult to care (water) for trees on 3rd Street, leaning towards planting on Orianna instead. City to make final determination as to type of tree if we decide to go forward. Concern expressed over breaking of concrete/collateral damage to make room for tree.
5. **Water bill – brief summary from Anne**
 - a. PWD and Water Rev Bureau both billing/crediting dog park water usage. Dispute to be handled internally between the two departments, more to follow.
6. **Final decision on tag color, size, wording**
 - a. We will go with large red star. Approx. \$0.30 each.
 - b. Have to figure out how many to order - Kelly will review how many members signed up in 2008 and let Dan know.
7. **October workday – signage, food & beverage**
 - a. Drag back woodchips from 3rd Street end. Discussed where to place shed: same spot. Need to cut grass, clean/spray furniture.
 - b. Sign already up advertising workday.
 - c. Coffee/Dunkin' Donuts for "workers", provided for by FOOHP – Anne & Kelly will pick up.
 - d. Need Simple Green to clean furniture, sponges, scrub brush, and lawn/leaf bags – Ruth will pick up.
8. **Dog walker's idea about getting her clients signed up**
 - a. A dog walker contacted us about how to get the dogs she walks to be members. She wants them to get tags and to be signed up. We will encourage her to fill out form on her clients behalf and then get a check from then. She could do it as part of signing new clients up. She will facilitate getting membership signed up. We discussed charging a "dog walker" membership fee – maybe \$100 a year. Thank her for thinking of it.
9. **Hound-o-ween**

- a. Will be Nov. 1, 2008. Last year judging was at 1:00 to 1:30. Will replicate last year's format, but with independent judge this year. Normal stuff – drinks/prizes. Leigh of Opportunity Barks will donate a training session. Kelly will get Leigh's phone number to Walt. Budget – Walt proposed spending \$300 – Kelly proposed; Anne 2nd; all in favor.

10. Old business, new business

- a. Need new signs:
 - i. Need a new sign that says you must be registered.
 - ii. Need to print new brochures – and a sign that says the website.
 - iii. Sign for corner lot -
- b. Need to have incident forms available.
- c. Friday night incident
 - i. Sharyn reported an incident where a dog attacked 3 dogs in 20 minutes; Rob asked him to leave, but he refused to leave; after the 3rd fight, Jack asked him to leave again, which he did. We discussed what could have been done & agreed it would have been appropriate to call 911.
 - ii. Could research law on what happens if police are called.
- d. Membership Committee
 - i. Kelly will send Sharyn a membership list + she will rally folks to check memberships.