

## **DOG PARK BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010**

Present: Eman, Jonathan, Anne, Walt, Kelly, Sharyn

Absent: Jack, Zoe, Dan

Gardeners present: Micah, Monica

1. Accept June minutes
  - a. Kelly moved to accept June's minutes
  - b. Anne seconded that motion
  - c. 6 in favor, 0 opposed
  
2. Ratify any on-line polls
  - a. There were no on-line polls to ratify
  
3. Video options for Community Center orientations
  - a. Costs were presented to the NLNA board on August 2, 2010, but no decisions have been made.
  - b. Estimate cost of \$900 for a good video system
    - i. FOOHP should not be responsible for any money towards the system.
  
3. New fundraising proposals – Sharyn (presenting for Sharyn, Eman, and Zoe)
  - a. Sharyn would like to brainstorm fundraising ideas with Greg Murphy
  - b. Current possibilities for fundraising:
    - i. Expand the event beyond the members of the dog park
    - ii. Beer crawl
    - iii. Get an event space donated
    - iv. Get food donated
      - a. More formal dinner?
    - v. Possibly center an event around a holiday
    - vi. More advertising
    - vii. Start getting items donated now for auction/raffles
  
4. Garden Gate damage– consequences, etc. (gardeners Micah and Monica participated in this discussion)
  - a. Part of the gate was removed to make the entrance wider
  - b. Micah suggested that the gate be a double swing gate so that the gardeners could back a pick-up truck into the garden to dump mulch.
    - i. Need to get an estimate on the costs of repairing the gate vs. installing a double swing gate.
  - c. Advised the gardeners to move their compost pile to the Poplar St. side of the garden.
    - i. Also discussed putting compost in barrels or above ground.
  - d. Possibility of increasing cost of garden plot to \$50 to give gardeners voting rights
  - e. Discussed appropriate consequences of the vandalism
    - i. Hold the individual financially responsible
    - ii. Ban from the garden

5. Park gate suggestions – Sharyn

- a. Sharyn met with park member Mike Blumenthal to discuss a new park design
  - i. Sharyn and Mike researched other dog park designs in order to determine best use of space
- b. Have separate entrance and exit gates at opposite sides of the park to reduce clustering at the entry/exit points.
  - ii. The inner area (locked buffer zone) can be used as a training area
- c. Move the inner fence 3' closer to Orianna St.
- d. Possibly resite the bus stop
  - i. May be problematic if it is cemented into the ground, which it is believed to be.
- e. Resite the shed, water trough, and trash cans
- f. Reinstall water pipes underground
  - i. Jack got a quote from a plumber for \$2500
  - ii. Cost includes all necessary permits, new pipes, replacing sidewalk
- g. Anne proposes okaying an expenditure of \$3200 for new plumbing.
  - i. Kelly seconded
  - ii. 6 in favor, 0 opposed

6. Committees – how are they working, what are plans, expectations as we move forward

- a. Everyone agreed that we need to determine how to make the committees more effective. This will be an ongoing conversation.

New Business, Old Business

- a. Taxes: all of our property taxes were forgiven.

Sharyn moved to adjourn the meeting. Anne seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.