

## **Dog Park Board Meeting**

August 21, 2006

Board Members present: Jack (host), Emma, Rob, Shyamala, Irene, Walt, Frank, George.

Absent: Kelly, Anne, Rick

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. Sidewalks**

##### **a. Status re: Support from Developer (Irene)**

Harvey Bell (Bell Floor) has a contract with cement masons and was approaching union apprentices for the labor portion of our sidewalks. They'll probably ask for some sort of publicity in exchange for free labor. David Perlmann (sp?) has said that he'll donate the money for materials. Jack spoke to a contractor on Randolph Street who has already looked at the property and will be providing a written estimate in the next few days.

Irene will find out about breaking up and disposing of the existing concrete.

##### **b. Status re: Other Estimates (Jack and Shayamala)**

#### **2. Lighting**

##### **a. Status re: Estimates (Jack)**

Jack had an electrician look at the park give estimate for lighting in the park. PECO has a program whereby they do the wiring and maintenance for free and we would pay for the pole and then a flat fee of \$32.74/month per light (\$392/year). Pole costs \$1000 including installation. We discussed pole placement and the concern for the condo occupants. Jack will find out about adding a second pole later and making a single light brighter with a higher wattage bulb. Rob will come up with a drawing of the park and trees for the next meeting so we can discuss pole placement.

#### **3. Treasurer's report (Frank)**

##### **a. Status of Old Account?**

Frank left about \$1000 in the old account and is waiting for the final few checks to clear. When it's clear, he'll close that account and move the money over to the new one.

#### **4. Membership update (Kelly)**

##### **a. Of 221 active member households in our database, 118 are current/up to date PAID members, and 24 are current free members.**

#### **5. Garden gate and fence update (Rick)**

Rick is not in attendance.

#### **6. Setting Up a Table to Collect Dues (Kelly)**

##### **a. Proposed Schedule for September(Kelly) – not present to report.**

#### **7. Calendar for Park Clean-Ups**

##### **a. Proposed Schedule + Status re: sending out a save the date email re: clean-ups (Kelly) – not present to report.**

## 8. Improvement Projects – Member (Emily Greenwald) who Volunteered

(Kelly forwarded email)

The Board discussed rank ordering our “wish list”:

1. Weatherproof the board and make it more presentable (perhaps building a little roof over it?).
2. Fix the fence on the corner of Poplar and Orianna (Rick is supposed to fix that fence; however if we have a volunteer, let's take)
3. Fix the fence on 3rd Street so both open out (one door opens in, one opens out).

Other items Kelly emailed Emily Greenwald about:

1. Recommending contractors for: (1) electric/lighting installation, (2) sidewalk repair.
2. Replacing chain link fence w/ wood fencing.
3. Building a shed

## 9. Other

- a. **Tree Limb Removal.** Irene paid \$150 for the tree limb removal. We will reimburse her. The guy from Ken's Landscaping couldn't get his truck through the fence so we didn't get the chips. Jack's son Scott will cut the remaining wood into firewood size lengths and we'll give it to anyone who wants it. Scott will also cut down the messy mulberry tree in the corner kiddie park after the leaves drop this fall.
- b. **Poop Bags.** Shyamala notes that many people come to the park without bags. Should we buy bulk bags and provide them for people who don't have them? Nah. Maybe Kelly could send out a reminder in the next membership email. We could establish a designated Bag donation area. Better signage?
- c. **Movie Donation.** Rob notes that we never got the check from the movie people (Katie at A Chip and a Chair). They promised \$45 as a donation in return for the use of the park. Rob will contact Katie and find out when she'll send the check.
- d. **Recyclables.** Irene notes that the recyclables need to go in front of her house in order for them to get picked up. We've missed a week and it's starting to pile up.