

Dog Park Board Meeting

Monday, May 21, 2007

Board Members present:

- Anne
- Frank
- Rob
- Walt
- Jack
- Irene

Not present:

- George
- Kelly
- Shayamala

AGENDA

- 1. Irresponsible Actions at the Park.** We've received some complaints/concerns about people doing undesirable things at the park – people not using leashes, irresponsible ball throwing, not cleaning up after dogs, bringing aggressive dogs into the park, etc. We had a long discussion about this. We will remind people about using basic courtesy/being a good member via the next Dog Park News. Irene will draft a sign to remind people to use a leash and be very alert if you bring a child into the park.
- 2. Children in the Dog Park.** We've received some complaints/concerns about the safety of bringing kids into the Park. Irene will draft a sign to remind people to use a leash and be very alert if you bring a child into the park.
- 3. Update on Developers**
 - a. N. 3rd Street/Silica Builders.** On May 12, the FOOHP Board sent a letter/counter-proposal to follow up on Silica's presentation to the Board at the last Board meeting, outlining our position as to a possible agreement between the Park and the Builder, for the Builder to use a portion of the Park's property (12 ft. encroachment for approx. 1 yr.) for staging a construction project at 926 N. 3rd Street. In sum, in exchange for their use of the property, the Board made the following demands: (1) we must enter into a formal contract, (2) the Developer will pay legal fees, (3) the project must be undertaken in a manner that ensures the safety of the Park's users, including building a temporary fence to keep the construction site separate, (4) the Developer will remove trees along the northern boundary of the park, but will replacement them, (5) proof of insurance and total indemnification of the Park, (6) the Developers will fill and grade the East side (3rd Street) of the Park, (7) the Developers will replace the entire fence along 3rd St. and the north boundary fence b/w the Park and Developer's property, (8) \$25K will be placed in escrow to cover the Park's expenses in the event of a breach of contract, the Developer will vacate the property by May 30, 2008. We are awaiting their response. Anne proposes asking the membership their opinion on giving up the land to the developer at 926 N 3rd. We talked about having a general meeting at the Park on a Saturday to hear from the membership.
 - b. Orianna Street/Erdy McHenry.** We still have not heard back from Erdy McHenry. Anne will reach out to them.

4. **Utility Bills.**

- a. **Water Bill.** We still have water bill issues. The bill comes to Anne's address. Now Anne and the FOOHP are both getting charity discounts. Anne called and explained our situation. The water department needs account numbers. Anne will call them back and try to get it straightened out. We have already paid \$189.80 to the water dept. so she suggests not paying any more bills until it is worked out.
- b. **Electric Bill.** We haven't gotten an electric bill yet.

5. **Animal Rescue**

- a. **Greyhound Angels Adoption.** Paul with the greyhounds has a newsletter (Greyhound Angels Adoption) and he requests permission to take some photos from our website for the newsletter. We agreed unanimously.
- b. **Donations.** Anne asked if we think it's appropriate to make a donation to an animal organization on behalf of the park. We think it should be discussed further at a future meeting.

6. **Garden Tenders.**

- a. Someone from the garden plots put rat poison in the corner lot. The Board didn't approve of it but Irene told them to hang a sign on the corner gate.

7. **Area for Small Dogs.** We again discussed the idea of setting up a small-dog area for the Park. Jack suggested discussing putting a gate leading into the corner lot for small dogs. Anne thinks that the bylaws state that the corner lot is for kids and families.

8. **NEXT MEETING:** JUNE 18, 2007 @ 6:30.