

**Omaha Dog Park Advocates  
February 8, 2012 Meeting Minutes  
Swanson Library, 6 p.m.**

Present – Bridget Jansen, President, Jody Blakely, VP, Lynne Newlin Secretary, Ed Sirkorski & Mary Gibilsco Members at Large, Jeff Lonowski, Jim Kee, Cherine Bishara

St. Patrick's Day Parade – Linda Greene will get us registered. Bridget will touch base with Soggy Paws to see if we can have a get together after the parade. Linda/Bridget will e-mail out the meeting location once known.

The updated Dog Park Website is almost ready to go. Jeff asked us to visit it at [www.omahadogparks.org](http://www.omahadogparks.org) and voice our opinions. Bridget will work with Trish to get Jeff the PayPal info so he can post that for the Spring Bark in the Park registration.

Yunker's Community Days meeting will be 2/16. Bridget & Jody will attend.

**Spring Bark in the Park**

Bridget handed out the vendor letters and the flyers.

Jeff found Tina Maire Vance-Crnic a photographer who can run power from her car to take pictures for us. Jeff will see if she is willing to split the profit with us –whether she sets the price or we do. We will not charge her a vendor fee seeing how this is one of our 'entertainment/game' booths.

Jody will look for a dog psychic & caricature person.

Jody has spoken to her contact about the lanyards, but not the plastic things that hold the badges. We will see if laminated poster board will work if the plastic things are too expensive or too hard to find.

Lynne learned one bag option from one internet vendor has a 10 x 5 x 13 kraft bag w/ rope handles printed on 2 sides in 2 colors for 67 cents each for 500 bags. We hope to obtain donated bags.

Next Meeting for only Spring Bark in the Park will be February 25 at 10 a.m. at NP Dodge at 132<sup>nd</sup> & Dodge.

**Park Maintenance**

The city did remove all stakes & snow fence two days before the Jan 28 snow storm. On the all dog side, they put some dirt under the South dividing fence on the all dog side and moved a bench from the side we aren't to be on to the side we can be on.

Bridget has not gotten the keys to the bag dispensers yet, but from what Lynne has seen, people still use the other bags.

Ed will mark the spots on the North side of the fence in the All Dog Side where holes should be cut for trash cans. Ed indicated it needed to warm up first.

Lynne pointed out the lack of trash cans on the small dog side.

**New Business**

A member of the Walnut Grove Home Owners Associate works with Jim Kee and mentioned interest in a dog park. As the city has approved Walnut Grove as a potential site for a dog park, this is welcome news. However, we've decided to table contacting them until after SBP even though they may be able to assist in fund raiser.

There is also a park in Elkhorn that may work for a dog park.....