

Dog Park Advocates January 12, 2011 Meeting at Swanson Library
6 p.m.

In attendance –

Bridget Jansen – President
Jody Blakely - VP
Lynne Newlin – Secretary
Trish Clary – Treasurer
John Williams
Rachel Lewis
Susan Marion

Bridget Jansen, John Williams, & Brian Henkel met with Dennis & Melinda of the City parks and it was decided that while both groups will be one, there will be a separate contract for each dog park.

The city said the ravines are being watched. Jody & Lynne informed Bridget to let the city know trash cans are missing from the all dog side.

Bridget attended the Hanscom Park fundraising meeting on January 5th. All neighborhood associations involved will be applying for grants and other grants are being sought. There is also discussion about being part of the Omaha Park Foundation so people can donate that way for designated parks.

Estimate is \$30,000 to fence the 2 – 3 acre park. There is a chance the city will pay for the water lines to extend to the park.

The Hanscom Park group will meet the Wednesday before the Omaha Dog Park Advocate Meeting at the VFW, 33rd & Leavenworth.

No luck thus far in finding a PR firm to chair the Spring Bark in the Park which is April 23rd. Committees needed are Raffle, Gift Bag, Sponsorship, Rescues, and Volunteers.

Lynne said she'd put up a large laminate sign on the back side of the message board asking for volunteers to help put on SBP.

Jody will again apply to be part of the Midtown Crossing Farmer's Market.

Decision was made to leave the porta potty up year round.

Bark For Life would like to use the dog park again for their walk for Cancer in May. We will request a nominal fee from them.

John Williams has offered to be the publicity chair for the dog park group. He will work on a website; update Facebook and Twitter once he obtains the passwords from Bridget and Kris.

Trish Clarey has agreed to continue as Treasurer.

Linda Greene will chair the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Due to cost, we will most likely not participate in the NKC show in July.

Bridget has metal stands holding produce bags that were donated in storage. She'd like to get them out of storage so any ideas on how to replace the bags when they are gone and how to secure in the park are being solicited.