

**Omaha Dog Park Advocates
October 10, 2012 Meeting
Swanson Library
90th & Dodge 6 p.m.**

Present – Ed Sirkorski, Jim Kee, Jeff Lonowski, Lynne Newlin, Bridget Jansen,

Park Maintenance:

Hanscom: Hanscom gates are locked, were over seeded, water fountains are off and they put a straw mat on the hill in the middle section, which is the section they closed.

Hefflinger – Garbage is coming up out of the ground on both sides. The city did seed the all dog side that is closed off. Both sides are locked, both water fountains are off. Porta Potty is still “ours” so Jody will make sure Trish is still paying for it.

Petiquette Signs –Bridget has not reviewed. We’ve had several inquiries on when we would have signs so Lynne is sending Jody what we have along with the city ordinances we think apply and she will review. It was suggested to put the QR code on the signs to direct those with smart phones to our website.

Spring Bark in the Park Paula Presents: Paula will meet with us after the NKC Dog show in November to discuss this event.

Appreciation Days – We have tried to contact our contacts for Hanscom Park Neighborhood association & Mike Battersell, but we’ve had no response. So we are scrapping it.

Elections: For VP , Treasurer and the Members at Large are this November. Lynne did not get the job in South Dakota so she can be treasurer provided Charlotte Lieshman or Trish Clary prepare the required tax forms.

Old Business - Jeff did fill out the forms for Adopt a Park for Hanscom. Hanscom has already been adopted, but the bureaucracy wasn’t sure if that included the dog park.

Bark for Life - Asked today by Renee Johnson of ComeSitStay if we wanted to participate in their event this weekend and if not, do we have pamphlets we can give them to put in their bags. Due to the short time span and the lack of pamphlets, Lynne will notify them we cannot participate, but to give us more time next year. - renee@comesitstayomaha.com

Jody will see if she can get ahold of the old pamphlet and give to Jeff so he can update and get some created. Jeff suggested we make them 1 panel of a 3 part pamphlet, two sided and on cardstock. Those present liked that idea.

Newsletter ideas – yellow ribbon – ids for your dog. And leash reactivity. Cold weather tips.

Jody is getting together with Bonnie Price to make more wine glass charms to sell.

New Business – Bonnie Price notified Jody Blakely that she heard someone has met with Pat Slavin, a city park planner, about a dog park at 30th & Dodge.

Next meeting – the election - will be at Panera at 130th & Maple. Jody will update Facebook, Yahoo with this information.