

Meeting of the Dog Park Advocates
September 14, 2011
6 p.m. @ Panera Bread, 78th & Dodge

In attendance, Cherine Bishara, Bridget Jansen, John Williams, Jody Blakely, Lynne Newlin & Ed Sikorski

No word yet on if we made any money at the August 27th Wag 'n Wine. It was a low turnout. Bridget is hopeful a lady she knows who has relocated to Omaha will take on the event next year so that it can be promoted better and have more silent auction items.

Bridget spoke to a lady whose daughter is in a sorority at UNO and the thought struck that perhaps the sorority would like to be in charge of the Spring Bark in the Park. Bridget will get the name of that person. Bridget suggests we get working on that now.

John has contacts with OPS and will look into how to get on their "hey, help us for volunteer hours" list.

Appreciation Days will be Sept 30th from 4 to 7 p.m., October 1st form 8 until Noon and Sunday, 10/2 from 8 – Noon at Hefflinger. Volunteers are needed.

Hanscom Dog Park is on the City Council Agenda for 9/22. If the park is approved, the contractors, Elkhorn Fence, will begin erecting the fence. We are considering having a grand opening/Fall fundraiser called Hanscom Hound Harvest once the dog park is erected.

The city is paying for the porta potties at both Hanscom & Hefflinger for the next year, the water fountains at Hanscom, the concrete work at Hanscom, the Pettique signs at both Hanscom & Hefflinger and the laying of the water lines at Hanscom. We just have to pay for the fence.

Unless we get the Kiewit grant, the cost of fencing is over \$29,000. Should we get the Kiewit grant (this will be learned 9/30) we will construct a fence down the middle of the all dog side to allow for rotating of the park to allow the grass to recover. This cost is over \$35,000.

The water fountain on the all dog side at Hefflinger is still not fixed so Bridget will bring this to the city's attention. John will also speak to the city about using some of the sand left over from the sand bagging to fill in water holes at Hefflinger.