



Omaha Dog Park Advocates

March 9, 2016

Swanson Library, 6 p.m.

Present - Lynne Newlin, Jody Blakely, Jim Kee; Mary Gibilisco, Ed Sirkorski, Jeff Lonowski, Theresa Conn

Hanscom – Park was closed for a while due to mud. There is a tall gentleman with a black & white mix for a dog who has been harassing people. The police were called once, but they need to be called each time this gentleman creates unease. Hanscom needs bags. Jody will go fill bags 3/10. Jim will contact the neighborhood associations to see if we can have access to the message board so we can post information on our upcoming events in the Hanscom message board.

Hefflinger – Park was also closed for a while due to mud. Eyman is aware that they need to backfill the trench. Jim will have Eyman look at the fountain on the North park of the All Dog Side to determine if repairs can be made. The push button of the dog water bowl is damaged and the door is shot. The Double Sided gate is too wide and skinny dogs slip through to the BMX. Fill is needed and the gates are mismatched Ed fixed the entrance gate. Jim will order the All Dog sign for All Dog Side. There are holes that need to be filled on the Small dog side inside the entrance. Trash cans still have not been replaced. Porta Potties should be back out “in the spring”

We need to lock the spigots on the new fountain to prevent it from being turned on and not off.

St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 12th – We need to line up by 10, but Soggy Paws is NOT opening early for us. We will still meet at Soggy Paws; however. As we now must pay for street parking and the times are not conducive to our schedule, it is suggested the garages be used. Parking garages/lots that will be \$2.00 include 11th Jackson; 15th & Douglas; 14th & Harney.

Omaha Gives – May 25th. We are registered. The link will be sent when we have it so we can blast out

June 25th Ice Cream Social 1 to 3 at Hefflinger. Jody has had no luck getting ahold of any ice cream vendor for dog or people. Lynne will send D'Ann the American National contact so she can get the information to them for approval to appear on the Marquette at 90th & Dodge. Jody will see if she can get the event on the River for PSA if desired.

July 16th & 17th Pick a Pooch – Ralston Arena, 11 to 4; Lee states he'll give us a discount if we have a booth. Mary is trying to contact Lee so that she'll discuss the cost with him.

National Night Out –8/2. D'Ann has the small lights with our logo.

New Business – Sigma Lambda Beta's UNO Chapter wants to use the dog park for a dog wash. They were directed to the parks & Recs department for permission. We learned that using PayPal from someone's phone risks the chance of our account being used to pay for their personal purchases.

Mary met a couple involved with the Lincoln Dog park. They had the same issues as us with few volunteers, little money and yet found a way to increase both. They do have memberships which we've discussed, but with no special privilege for being a member we've never gotten far with the thought. Now we are thinking perhaps a piece of merchandise. Direct e-mail notices when the park is going to be closed due to the conditions, etc. for membership. The couple from Lincoln offered to come discuss their experiences with us.

Other fundraising options are contacting Raising Cane to see about donations and Chili's Give Back Program. For two months any participating Chili's in Minnesota will donate 15% of your bill to the St. Paul no kill shelter when a certain coupon is presented.