



**Omaha Dog Park Advocates
October 12, 2016
Swanson Library, 6 p.m.**

Present – Lynne Newlin, Mickey Merriam, Bob Denney, Jim Kee, Mary Gibilisco, Ed Sirkorski, Theresa Pogge; Chris Maggio.

Hanscom – -We were contacted by a lady who wanted access to the closed side of Hanscom for a dog Halloween party. She was told she needed to contact the Parks Department.

all three sections are open and the water to the fountains is off. We should move another poop bag dispenser in the middle section because there are only two and the other sections have four.

Chris asked if a paved path and another entrance could be put into the North side of the park to make it more accessible for those with mobility issues. We may be able to qualify for ADA grants. Jim will let the Hanscom Park renewal group know of Chris's idea.

Hefflinger – We use 64,000 bags a year at Hefflinger, but that is because people pull too many out.

The new water fountain on the small dog side is broken, but at least it is OFF unlike earlier this summer when it was constantly running.

The water is still on as of 10/11/16 at Hefflinger.

More dirt is arriving and it is coming from Bluestone development 52nd & Leavenworth and being dumped on the closed side of the All Dog Area

The original fountain on the All Dog Side is now damaged. Ed suggested we should just cover the bottom of the fountain with sheet metal as this is constantly being damaged.

Of course the mud hole is back.

Jim forgot to make signs about the meetings, but as our last meeting for the year is next month, we'll wait until January to put them up.

Porta potty is gone.

Paint your Pet – October 23rd from 3 to 6. It has been posted to Facebook, E-mailed to the Dog Park E-mail list and posted on Next Door. 15% of the \$50 fee comes to ODP. Only 20 people can attend a session. (\$150.00 made if 20 people attend). Jim will find out how many people are signed up thus far.

New Business – Lynne reached out to MWI, a marketing business who reached out to non-profits several times this past year because Google has money to pay MWI to advertise for non-profits. MWI would maintain our website and all social media, but we must maintain a certain number of "clicks" per day to qualify for the funds. In addition to what Google would pay MWI, the monthly fee is \$999.00; although

that can be modified depending on how much we have them do. Lynne will ask them to attend the January meeting to better explain this.

Lynne also reached out to Treat me Right, a fundraiser that HUA used. They sell organic, fresh made treats of which 20 to 30% of the sale comes back to us. Unfortunately ODPa does not fit their business model.

Lynne reached out to Nebraskans for Solar in August and got a huge response. **Jared Friesen**, is an engineer, **Michael Shonka** is with Solar Heat and Electric, Inc. 7342 Farnam St. Omaha, NE 68114 W: 402-590-5900 mshonka@qwest.net M: 402-850-7973 SolarOmaha.com And **Jon Dixon** owns Dixon Power Systems in Lincoln. 3250 N 20th St Ste 1; Lincoln, NE 68521 402-467-3240 dixonpowersystems.com.

Jim will touch base with the city again to see if they oppose Dennis Byers was fine with this, but Dennis hasn't passed this by Brooke. Jim will reach out to Jared to see if they can meet.

They Nebraskans for Solar said they could help us with fundraising, once we get numbers together and individually Jared, Michael & Jon would meet with us. Jim has sent them the information he has received thus far.

Chris has contacts at Ralston High should we need volunteers.

Lynne will apply to other fundraising entities to see if we qualify for their support.

Elections: As 2016 is an even year, Vice President, Treasurer and Public Information Officer positions are up for election. The PIO and Treasurer are vacant as Jeff Lonowski submitted his resignation in August. Jody Blakely is going back to school full time and working full time and will not run for Vice President. D'Ann will assist us with learning how to manage the website (update items).

To be part of the ODPa Board, you must have attended at least two (2) general public meetings the prior year. Duties of the board include attending fundraising events and Executive Committee meetings. Missing three (3) or more consecutive Executive Committee meetings is considered cause for removal from office. All Executive Committee Members shall have access to the Internet, including email. All Executive Committee members who currently do not have access to the Internet, including email, shall obtain such access before reelection to a new term on the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall jointly execute legal documents as needed.

The specific duties for the open positions:

The Vice-President shall assist the President in all committee activities and shall preside at meetings in the President's absence. The Vice-President will coordinate, research, and submit all grant applications and pursue corporate matching programs. The Vice-President shall cultivate relationships with vendors, rescue groups, humane societies, and pet supply stores, among other dog-friendly organizations. The Vice-President shall ensure that ODPa goals are articulated to donors and members in a clear, approachable fashion. The Vice-President shall chair the Grant-Writing committee.

Treasurer

The Treasurer must have accounting and banking experience, as he/she is responsible for the completion of the ODPa annual 990 Form for non-profit organizations. The Treasurer shall receive and keep track of all monies from events, donations, and purchases. The Treasurer shall report on the ODPa funds at each

General Public Meeting. All monetary requests must go through the Treasurer and be approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall check the post office box regularly, pay all organizational bills, obtain change for events, calculate sales tax on any and all sales, complete the annual Nebraska/Federal sales tax returns, check the PayPal account, and transfer funds to the ODPA checking account jointly with a designated member of the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee.

Public Information Officer, hereafter known as PIO, shall keep the public informed of all meetings, events and activities of the ODPA. The PIO shall be visible and available, and will be the first to respond to any emailed questions raised by the public in our community or other communities interested in creating dog parks. The PIO will do mailings, post emails, be the moderator and oversee social media outlets, send notices for all meetings and events, and maintain and enhance the ODPA website and the ODPA email accounts. A designated member of the Executive Committee shall also have access to the social media outlets, the ODPA website, and the ODPA email accounts. The PIO shall publicize the activities of the organization, its programs, and its goals. The PIO shall manage, in close cooperation with the other Officers, the coordination of all radio, newspaper, television, and Internet promotions.

Members-at-Large

Each year, up to three (3) Members-at-Large shall be elected for a term of one (1) year. The Members-at-Large will be relied upon to represent the general public’s interests/opinions and to contribute their knowledge and skills in improving Omaha Metro Area’s dog parks.

There will not be a limit on how many terms an individual can remain in Office as long as the individual continues to be voted into Office and remains in good standing. The length of the terms of office and the years for re-election are as follows:

Office	Term Length	Election Years
President	2	Odd years
Vice-President	2	Even years
Treasurer	2	Even years
Secretary	2	Odd years
PIO	2	Even years
Members-at-Large	1	Every year