

Omaha Dog Park Advocates
April 11, 2012 Meeting
Swanson Library
90th & Dodge 6 p.m.

Present – Briget Jansen, President, Trish Clary, Treasurer, Jody Blakely VP, Lynne Newlin, Secretary, Ed Sirkoski, Jeff Lonowski & Mary Giblisco members at Large, John Williams PR, Jim Kee & Therse Pogge

Park Maintenance: Hanscom – Gate has been fixed.

Ed has provided the City with the count re: poop bag usage.

Jim Kee will get the balance of the bag dispensers placed to Hefflinger. The city disagrees with us where they need to go. Mike oversees Hanscom, Bill oversees Hefflinger. Bridget is giving them a week to get more trash cans at both parks. City also disagrees on the water bottle trash bag dispensers we've been using. They don't want them up, but we are keeping the up as we need more dispensers. Some will be installed at Hanscom.

Bridget is going to ask about the padlock situation for the gates to the areas that are supposed to be off limits. Hanscom is now open, but the All Dog side at Hefflinger is locked.

Bridget will find and send out the Petiquette that was discussed so we can review and get it to the city for the signs to be made.

Spring Bark in the Park

We have 100 pages of the white card stock, need more paint, we are going to do a poem. Bridget will get a ream of card stock.

Jeff got the hand stamps & the hats are being embroidered.

No Go on the drug dog demonstration re: UP and no go on the caricature. Bridget has been playing phone tag with Cutchell's.

Jody is going to finagle with the food vendor and pretend we are going to feed 100. Going over the vendors we are missing info for Petco so Jody & Bridget will contact Petco to let them know we don't have the stuff. We have close to 20 vendors including rescue groups!

We cannot change the old the website to direct to the new website because we do not have a yahoo domain. Bridget will clear all of the stuff from the Yahoo site and leave only the link to the new site. Jim Kee will let the City IT know to change the site name on the city stuff.

Bridget will go Monday to pick up the permits.

Lynne reached out to Dist 66 again as volunteer response has been slow.

New Business – Kelley McAtee. Owner of Pawfect Pet Services Dog Walker/pet sitter in the downtown area, is working to get a dog park downtown and is working with Doug B. with HDR and it has come up in the city's master plan and is always cut due to funding. Downtown Improvement District, Joe Gudenrath and they went over all of the green spaces with both of them to pick a site. Lewis & Clark, Space near Little Italy, Miller Landing. Near Butternut Building was being used as an informal dog park. Miller Landing would be the path of the least resistance.

Businesses would support to get people away having their dogs from their businesses. John informed Kelley that we obtained \$21,500 from grant, \$8,000 for the SBP and the balance from private contributions. The city kicked in the message board, water lines, sidewalks and the three water fountains, but we told her not to expect that in the future. The amount needed depends on the size of the park.