



**Omaha Dog Park Advocates
May 10th, 2017
Swanson Library, 6 p.m.**

Present – Lynne Newlin, Bob Denny, Mickey Merriam, Jim Kee; Sierra Rieckman, Kirk McCormick, Carlyn Porter

Hanscom - John & Tammy Williams are the only ones with the key to the community / info board at Hanscom. They will gladly put any information we want in there. **Poop Pick up** – was a success. There were about 20 people helping and they got the park cleaned up in 90 minutes. Serina will hold it again Sunday, June 4th at Hefflinger.

Hefflinger – It was confirmed the bench on the small dog side was the reason that side was padlocked and it is the one Jennifer Bartos had wanted to donate in honor of her daughter. Her daughter Molly moved to Omaha in August 2015 and passed away in May 2016. She and her dog Stella were at the park daily.



- Both sides of the small dog park are open.
- The fountain behind the bench on the small dog is again broken. The city has turned off the water to that one. We need to have a plumber out to fix.
- The wind has been taking the trash cans because they are no longer being stuck over T-posts. We are missing the one on the west side of the all dog side.
- The road is now open.
- One of the light poles in the middle of the All Dog Side is leaning.
- Jim is still trying to coordinate meeting with the people from Nebraskans for Solar to see if solar lights are feasible.

Ice Cream Social – Saturday, June 24 from 1 to 3 Midwest Sound was told that we were offered the use of a PA system at no charge so we will not need theirs. Mint design created flyers for the event. The Williams will post this in the community board. Jennifer Bartos, who donated the bench on the small dog side in memory of her daughter, is planning on being at the event with her mother, another daughter, and three grandchildren ages 7, 5, and 1. I asked her to let me know so that we can get her and her family in free.

Meet- Up: Serina’s Hanscom Park clean-up was posted and announced. The Hefflinger Clean-up is also posted and announced. The Ice Cream Social will be announced the end of May.

Social Media – We’ve had inquiries on helping us with the website, shade for Hefflinger and two Millard West students offer their volunteer services.

We need to find a place on the website to put Molly & Stella’s information and the bench, along with Bo’s crossing over the rainbow bridge.

Old Business: Pub Crawl – Will be July 25th from 6 to 8. Black oak Grill, Crave and Cantina Laredo are the participating restaurants. Dogs ARE allowed.

Omaha.dog requested a description of what we are looking for in terms of website, video and social media needs as they have a contact at UNO who can pass along to department heads. Lynne quickly typed one up and asked for feedback.

Dog Daze of Summer – Mark Blakely, Jody’s husband is working on making an agility set for us to use at the events.

Several board members didn’t realize we were not getting commissions on all vendors we obtained nor that we were considering a carnival to raise more funds. It was decided that we will do raffles and do the carnival if we get enough volunteers.

River West has obtained the Presenting Sponsor and two of the five title sponsors. They would like three more Title Sponsors in the next two week so that they can publish the flyer when they announce the event over Memorial Day Weekend. We have three chances of getting a commission.

Omaha Gives – Is on Facebook, website and will be blasted out to our e-mail list.

Benson Days is July 29th - Cost is \$60. We must provide our own tent, chairs, table and man the booth from 10 a.m. to 4p.m. Jim will reach out to D’Ann to get a spot.

Pick a Pooch – July 15th & 16th - \$100 total. Five hours at Ralston Area – We have chosen not to do this event.