



**Omaha Dog Park Advocates  
November 8, 2017  
Swanson Library, 6 p.m.**

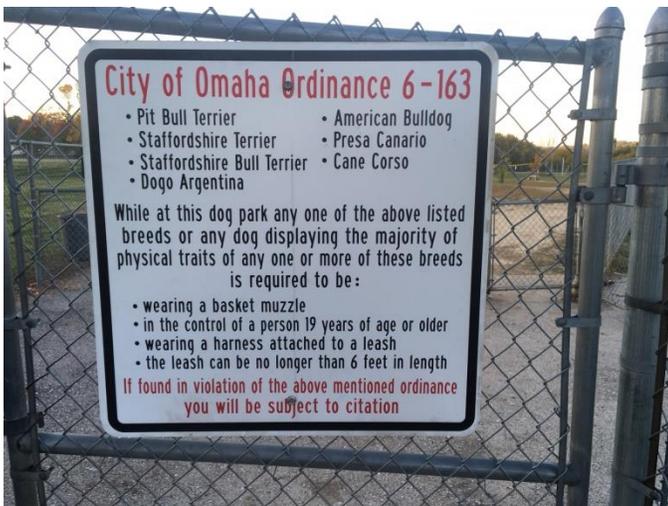
**Present** – Lynne Newlin Mickey Merriam, Jim Kee; Eliza Burr, Mary Gibilisco, Bob Denney, Natalie Keener, Bryan Boulton.

**Hanscom** – Jim spoke to Dennis Byers on the erosion of the hills at Hanscom and he stated he will take a look at that. Lynne will forward Dennis the quote from Play / SynLawn.

The city is looking into removing the middle fence on the All Dog side and making it one big run.

Bob reported a waste station was vandalized at Hanscom so he will replace it with one the on extra we have. They are \$80 if we must purchase one.

**Hefflinger** –A sign stating the ordinance for dangerous dogs appeared at Hefflinger on 10/19/17.



It is not at Hanscom. No one knows why it appeared and the parks department has not explained why it is not at Hanscom. Fox42 had no luck getting the answers either.

While the erosion at Hefflinger was fixed, it is beginning again on the small dog area.

Bob purchased a chain and that has solved the issue of people breaking through the gate to the closed portion of the dog park.

**Spring Bark in the Park** – Plan It Omaha does not solicit vendors, but will handle Timeline creation and management -

- House donated items (auction, raffle) and create physical packages
- Marketing
  - Create overall marketing plan
  - Manage social media or assist with social media plan

- Print material design and production
- Coordinate physical mailers
- Coordinate with media outlets on advertising
- Manage vendor/donor database
- Source and manage entertainment
- Coordinate rentals
- Assistance with raffle logistics and on-site procedure
- On-site volunteer management
- On-site installation and dismantle, on-site staffing
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In other words – do the stuff we already have a handle on.

Lynne will reach out to Lee to see if he is interested.

**New Business: -**

Jim inquired about additional dog parks and the demand with Dennis Byers, but Dennis said no one has contacted the city about additional parks. The Parks Department was forwarded the Lincoln study on how they established their dog parks that shows how they raised funds. Friends of the Lincoln Dog parks contracted with a consultant to do a study. We do have the funds to do that. Omaha is sadly lacking in dog parks based on the number of residents.

Membership as a fund raiser was again discussed – a yearly fee will get you an article of dog park apparel. We'd have to change the bylaws, change the website to secure and maintain the renewal process. The upside to making the website secure is that we could also sell our apparel online.

The library changed their process for reserving a room. The longest advance we could make is three months. Other free meeting spaces were discussed as perhaps more people would could if the meeting was held at a different day of the week or time. There is the free meeting room at Whole Foods and the Community Engagement Center at UNO. For now, Lynne will reserve the library for our usual time for the first three months of 2018.

Membership in the Non-Profit Association of the Midlands membership is \$50 was again brought up. It is cheaper than Meet Up, but again, not sure how much we'd use what they offer.

The parks department forwarded us an e-mail from a Woodhaven resident wanting a waste station on the trail. Mickey will respond explaining to him he needs to reach out to his neighborhood association as we do not provide those.

**Elections: -** Eliza offered to be the Public Information Officer, Mary, Mickey and Bob will be member at large and Jim is treasurer. Lynne is stepping down as Secretary and Bryan Boulton will consider the position. That leaves open positions of President, Vice President and maybe secretary.