

## Omaha Dog Park Advocates

Wednesday, January 10, 2007 Public Meeting

NP Dodge, 12915 Dodge Street

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### Meeting Minutes

#### I. Park Amenities

- Signs – bright green signs are posted on each side of the park – “small dogs” and “large dogs”
- Trees - If we want trees, we need to have the city approve the species and location (and us to ensure dog safety). Must research tree types and branches to determine if harmful to the animals. Appears to be enough soil to plant and not hit the landfill.
- Cap on Landfill – no, there is no cap. The landfill is 3-5 feet below top of soil.
- 2nd Dog Park – city will get back to us early next year on where a second dog park. Tranquility was the first (ponch field). We will get another dog park; the city is amazed at the results from Hefflinger.
- Trash Cans – the city did a great job of placing the trash cans on the outside parameter of the park. Win-win for everyone.
- Mud – we will not be reseeding in the Spring. The seed just won't stay put long enough to grow. We could do mulching, pea gravel, shredded tires, Christmas tree shreds? Lowes on 170<sup>th</sup> would give us a good deal on mulch. Can we check into 132<sup>nd</sup> Christmas tree lot for shredded tree donations? Mulhall's is close – they may want to donate something.
- Information Board – city believes this is a good idea, but do not let it distract from the park. Seymour Smith (168<sup>th</sup> & Harrison) and Pacific Meadows have examples of boards that they believe would work for us. The city wants us to provide suggestions via photograph to them for approval. This may be a good Boy Scout project. Becky should setup meeting with the Boy Scout units and find out who our main contact should be, what types of projects they will do for us, etc.
- Lighting – we will not be pursuing lighting of the park. Sounds like the city will be taking down some lights. City to get back to us. We would have to have someone turn the lights on and off each night because there are no timers on the lights. City is also concerned about safety.
- Poo Bag Dispensers - Becky is working on a bag dispenser prototype made of PVC pipe and painted (with water draining holes). We are going to check with the Boy Scouts to see if they can produce these for us. We plan to hang them up along the fences.
- Shelter Area – Mona w/Kar Sim Kennel wants to donate a shelter for us in memory of the lost police dogs.

#### II. Fundraiser Ideas

- Eggstravaganza – Sunday, April 1, 2007, 2pm to 5pm at Hefflinger Dog Park
  - Angela Green ([angela.green@cox.net](mailto:angela.green@cox.net)) is coordinating the event. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer – please contact her asap. We will request a donation at the door and items within the park will be additional donations – so bring extra spending cash!!!
  - One side of the park will be designated for the fundraiser and the other side will remain open. The fundraiser side will request leashed dogs.
  - We need to contact the media / tv for advertising.
  - Bridget has the Easter bunny costume. Jamie to call pixels photography to inquire.
  - We would like to sell Dog Park Advocates / Hefflinger Park items such as; doggie bag dispensers for leashes and water bottles with connected bowl.
  - Angela has started to contact vendors for donations and raffle prizes.
    - American red cross training
    - Doggie bonnet contest
    - Pictures with the Easter bunny
    - Easter egg hunt and prizes
    - Raffle prizes
    - Agility?