

Omaha Dog Park Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2007

- Goals
 1. Dog bag dispensers
 2. Message board
 3. Entrance path walkways
 4. Grass
 5. Water fountains
 6. Trees
- City update
 - Love to see doggie bags; we want to engage eagle scouts as a project. Annell will get a contact name. the city wants to see a plan.
 - Little tree that is out there will not make it. We need to get bigger trees with little fences around it to give it a chance. Discuss with the city/grants.
 - Information board discussed. They approve that, message board. Pacific meadows park/Seymour smith park. This is another eagle scout project.
 - Signs. Annell will get the 30 pound and under sign replaced.
 - Requests for more trash cans. They are not all filled, so we shouldn't need more. We will revisit.
 - Water fountain. Just submit plan to move forward. They are ready to go. Need to talk to Iman plumbing to re-evaluate and then talk to city and have them come out to the park. Jamie and Annell to setup appointment with iman plumbing and ray. Check out fountain options; pump, motion control or spitz
 - Entrance areas. Handicap accessible. They guestimated \$2,700 for concrete on each side. Crushed asphalt, asphalt gridings. North parking at tranquility, north parking lot @ Kelley, they have it. Ground up about pea gravel size. Once it settles, it is pretty hard, almost like concrete. City has plenty of it. Really a considerable option. City will dump it and do it for us. Free. They want to put edgers, put mulch on the side. Agra lime. They have some. We really don't want that for the walkways.
 - West end of large dog park side not being used. Dig path up and fill in dirt with gaps, fill in sink holes. Just putting in a path and adding picnic tables/benches. They will give us free picnic tables.
 - We will re address trash cans after the walk way is created.
 - Close the parks for two weeks over the summer to create path – no time specifications on walk ways. Close down week before and week after 4th of july. All dog park closed, small dog park open.
 - Need to coordinate plumbing for the 2 week close. Communicate 3 weeks due to unforeseen issues.
 - 2nd dog park: 19 other possible locations to choose from. The city will need to work with mid-town group. Will not be another one the size of hefflinger. 100 x 25, ½ of an acre, all dog area is being discussed for next park. Entire lot. The more parks we add, the fewer dogs at each park. Possible locations:
 - Zirinski
 - Walnut grove
 - Millard heights
 - Grass. Pasture clover / orchard clover. Get from peaceful valley online. Dogs don't eat it, doesn't urine stay. Mows and looks like grass. Will take over and just grow. City was going to do some research on it.
- Bi laws – trish will be heading up a group of 4 people to run out the bi laws.
- Jamie to print some pick up after your dog signs, print, laminate and post.
- Annell to check out poop scoop work / volunteer programs.

- Corkscrew. Wags N Wine, Wine Tails. Everyone come to next meeting with suggestion. Fall timeframe? Fundraiser. Corkscrew will donate 10% of night purchases to dog park advocates and/or charge per person. 71 persons inside capacity, 36-40 on patio. Dogs could be welcome. Winter/summer for people and fall/spring for people and dogs.