

Hannah's Bark Park Advisory
Minutes November 29, 2016

Present: Lynn Simons, Ryan Longoria, Sue Gamble
Absent: Dinse, Lyndall, Currie, Alwood
Guest: Lacey Johnson

The meeting began at 6:10 pm.

Relay for Life wishes to hold a "Bark for Life" event at the dog park to commemorate survivors, caregivers, and therapy and service animals. Participants are encouraged to bring their dogs. Significant discussion was held about the event. Lacey noted the event is a fundraising event and will likely be held April 16, 2016, running from noon to four. It was agreed to hold the event in the small dog park area, to include large and small dogs associated with the event, to permit children to attend the event within the small park and to have tables and vendors permitted to distribute food. It was understood that dogs would be supervised closely by owners and not running in the park. The event includes several ceremonies, multiple booths for fundraising (kissing dogs, dog costumes, and such) as well as fund raising teams. Food will be wrapped and in closed containers. Luminaria bags with glow sticks may be displayed. People with dogs will register their dogs in advance or on site, and will be informed to bring proof of vaccinations and license. There will be a fifteen dollar registration fee, of which five will be to purchase a key fob for a week long pass. The goal is to potentially increase exposure of the park and membership. Relay for Life members will secure business support, organize the event, and work to secure vendors and participants.

Membership for the dog park is now at 186 annual members with 6 weekly members.

There are updates to the Mission Creek Park master plan. The Tribe has donated \$80,000.00 to development of the park through the 2% funds. Plans for 2017 include building a bathroom, which requires a commercial septic system, and sidewalks, which has been quoted as \$320K. The City expressed interest in inviting FDP to fundraise for a pavilion, picnic tables or

such to add to the park. The City has also asked about FDP and Union Township funding contributions.

In 2018, development plans include using outside consultants along with FDP to delineate priorities such as a parking lot, lighting, playground, skating rink, warming house and such. It is anticipated that new developments would be put in motion in 2019.

Issues with wear and tear on the large dog park side have become apparent. The area has minimal grass near the entrances and this extends farther into the park than anticipated. Parks and Rec is assessing the situation and considering possible extension of the stone dust, switching large and small areas to give it more gentle use, and closing the large side to rest the area. Decisions are still pending.

There have been no complaints received since the last meeting.

Russ Alwood resigned. The group thanked him for his service.

We adjourned at 7:00. The next meeting will be “doodled “for consensus.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Simons