

Hannah's Bark Park Advisory
Minutes February 20, 2017

Present: Lynn Simons, Ryan Longoria, Sue Gamble, John Dinse, Chris Bundy

Absent: Lyndall, Currie, Stuldreher

Guest: Lacey Johnson, Laura Sullivan, Emily Backus, Hannah Zimmerman and Courtney

The meeting began at 6:05 pm.

More discussion about the Relay for Life "Bark for Life" event at the dog park occurred. The event will occur on April 15, from 12 to 4, with set up beginning at 11:00. The event will take place next to the dog park, rather than inside the dog park. Tables will be available for vendors and teams can sign up to raise funds for the event. Registration is \$15.00 per person, with five going towards the weekly key fob for the park. The walks will take place on the trails at the park. Canopies and tents require permits, so will not be used for this event.

Yearly memberships are at 184. It is expected that there will be a seasonal increase this spring and into the summer. Lisa Way continues to alert members about their soon to expire memberships.

One dog related matter occurred with a shepherd mix dog pinning another dog against a fence. Reportedly, the owner of the dog had an expired key fob but had been let into the park by other members. This situation has been corrected.

The check for Kelly was discussed and is ready to be given to her. Ryan will bring a card to the FDP meeting for thank you notes and signatures.

Chris Bundy talked about the renovations. The bathroom renovation has been moved from 2018 to 2017. He again asked if the FDP group is interested in funding a pavilion or an addition during this renovation. He talked of a dog wash area. This had been on a prior wish list but could not be in the park due to the limited drain field. However, this is feasible next to the bathrooms. Further park development will take place in 2018. The

targeted areas include the parking lot. Lynn agreed to inform the FDP group about the idea of a dog washing station.

Issues with wear and tear on the large dog park side have become apparent, and continued to be discussed. It was agreed that re-sowing grass seed in the troubled area would likely not fix any problems short term or long term. It was suggested to put a stone dust path around the perimeter for walking, but this is costly. This will continue to be discussed.

A group of students from a marketing class are doing a project on the dog park. They are interested in knowing goals the FDP group might have about the park and this will be conveyed to the Board of the FDP. Current goals are to increase memberships and market the “brand” of the dog park

The bulletin board is installed and John Scalise will contact Ryan and Chris and discuss postings. Goals for postings included no solicitations, a Tip of the Week, and possible educational tips. It was suggested to have education about the rules, and include why a given rule is made for the park.

Chris may have access to another fire hydrant and this may be placed in the small dog park, which will make small dog park users very happy.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved as is.

We adjourned at 7:30. The next meeting will be April 17, at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Simons