

Hannah's Bark Park Advisory
Minutes June 19, 2017

Present: Lynn Simons, Ryan Longoria, Sue Gamble, John Dinse, Mark Stuldreher

Absent: Lyndall, Currie

Guest: Kelley Moss

The meeting began at 6:00 pm.

Membership update. We have 222 members, and two weekly members. This is up over last year and precedes the increase we usually see when the university students return in the fall.

Kelley Moss is willing, and we are grateful, to have her present again on Canine College. Our goal is to attract a wider range of participants and to educate some who are new to the dog park learning curve. The focus might include people behavior as well as understanding dog behavior. FDP had suggested a September meeting. FDP will work on marketing to get members to come, and also solicit information about specific topics that could be addressed. These topics will be shared with Kelley. Possible meeting time would be September 10, at 6:00 at City Hall. Ryan to coordinate the room.

Financials: 2016 actual costs-Mowing, weeding, trash, snow removal, repairs=\$9226; supplies= \$1706.77; Utilities= \$2494.14. This totals \$ 13, 426.91. 2016 Membership fees =\$6290.00.

2017 estimated costs- Mowing, weeding, =\$9300; Supplies= \$1700; Utilities= \$2500. Total estimated costs \$13,500. Membership fees anticipated: \$6300.

FDP is interested in having a fundraiser to help seed. They will be selling Dog Park calendars with the Dog of the Month features. They propose to put some dirt down in the sandy areas, and seed when the frost is present and let the snow cover it until spring. Ryan noted that the city can help if the FDP wish.

Concerns: Requests have continued to be made that the park spray for bugs. The type of bugs is undetermined. FDP opposed spraying because of the neurotoxin effect on dogs (and humans) and that it will have little efficacy, given the surrounding water, the park like nature of the park, and that it is an outdoor natural environment. FDP recommended people use human bug repellent if they are uncomfortable. The advisory board also discussed the issue and concurred. This has been communicated to the folks with complaints. Additionally, a member shared concerns about suspicious activity in the woods near the park. This continues to be monitored by park staff and city police. The suspicious activity has not involved dog park members or the dog park, but surrounding park areas.

Next meeting is scheduled for 8/7/17 at 6:00, at City Hall.

We adjourned at 6:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Simons