

**Attachment A**

## **Dog Park Exploratory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**PROJECT:** Dog Park

**MEETING MINUTES  
RECORDED BY:** Melonie Trang

**MEETING PURPOSE:** Discuss the development of Dog Parks

**MEETING DATE:** January 6, 2009 at the Billings Community Center

**DOG PARK COMMITTEE:**

**CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES:** Suzanne (Sue) Bressler, Marcia Clausing, Kay Haire, Warren Osik, Ellie Whitney, Ed Jordan

**PRC BOARD REPRESENTATIVES:** Rachael Cox

**PRPL STAFF:** Jon Thompson, Mark Jarvis, Melonie Trang

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Sue Bressler called the meeting to order at 7:40 am.

**1) Roll Call:**

All members were present except for Ellie Whitney.

**2) Approval of Minutes:**

Kay Haire made a motion to accept the December 2, 2008 minutes. Marcia Clausing seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**3) Additions to the Agenda:**

None

**4) Welcome Ed Jordan:**

An invitation to join the Dog Park Committee was presented to Mr. Ed Jordan back in December. Mr. Jordan willingly accepted the invitation and was welcomed in at the January meeting.

**5) Fundraising:**

Fundraising Chair Kay Haire commented that they have not gotten too far into the fundraising but there are lots of great ideas that have come forth. She said that she is checking on prices for t-shirts.

**6) Fundraising Brochure:**

The committee reviewed a rough draft copy of the fundraising brochure. The following are comments on several aspects of the brochure.

- ✿ **Committee Name Change** – Committee members discussed further the new committee names presented at the last meeting. Members unanimously agreed on the “*Friends of Billings Dog Parks*” as their final choice.
- ✿ **Logo** - Mark Jarvis requested the committee to create a new logo for the brochure. He would like to see the Parks and Recreation logo incorporated with the dog park logo.
- ✿ **Mission Statement** – Committee members discussed further the three missions statements presented at the December meeting. Members agreed upon the following wording for their final approved statement: *Create parks where dogs can romp and play off leash in a secure setting with their owners and other dog friends. Promote socialization and educational opportunities that support healthy dogs and foster a sense of community by bringing dogs and people together.*
- ✿ **Our Goal** – Mark said he was trying to explain under that heading what the dog park is and why we are building three parks.
- ✿ **Billings Parks, Recreation and Preservation Foundation** – A section of the brochure will include information on the Billings Parks, Recreation and Preservation Foundation. This will inform people on who will be receiving and distributing the donations for the dog parks.

Mark said they also hope to have the foundations information on the Park and Recreation website where people can have the option of donating online.

Mark said they look to have the final brochure ready for approval in March.

#### 7) **Sharptail Park:**

Rachel Cox said that her and Mark met with a Cal Cummings regarding Sharptail Park. Mr. Cummings requested for them both to come to the County Commissioners meeting the following week and do a presentation. Mark said hopefully following that meeting we should know if the county is interested in allowing us to have Sharptail Park as the westend location for a dog park.

A question was asked if an environmental study would need to be done on this park. Mark said he wasn't sure; he would have to check into it.

#### 8) **Funding for Study at Riverfront Park:**

Mark Jarvis expressed that the Billings Park, Recreation and Preservation Foundation has agreed to give funding for the wetland survey at Riverfront Park. Mark said the study should be done some time in the spring.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 am**

