

**Attachment A**

## **Friends of Billings Dog Parks Meeting Minutes**

**PROJECT:** Dog Park

**MEETING MINUTES  
RECORDED BY:** Melonie Trang

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

**MEETING DATE:** October 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 7:00 am.

**1. Roll Call:**

All members were present except for Kay Haire, Rachel Cox, Warren Osik and Ellie Whitney.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

*Minutes for the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.*

**3. Additions to the Agenda:**

None

**4. High Sierra Park Master Plan Update:**

Mark Jarvis said he presented the High Sierra Park Master Plan at the council work session. He hopes to have it on the consent agenda for Council on October 13<sup>th</sup> for final approval. (The master plan was approved at the October 13<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.)

**5. Fundraising/Campaign Planning:**

- Mr. Jarvis reported that he spoke with a Jack Reins from PetSmart regarding their support. Mr. Reins said he had no decision from corporate and would get back to us.
- Mr. Jarvis said he did a search for web names and came up with billingsdogparks; billingspoochparks or billingsbarkparks; all available in either .net, .com or .org. Committee members after further discussion agreed upon *billingsdogparks.com*. Mr. Jarvis discussed getting a domain name and

then linking it to the PRPL website and use the department's server to host the website. He explained that people would type in the link, which would take them directly to the dog park webpage and then would allow them to back out into the PRPL website.

- The committee planned for the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Partners meeting. Plans were to present information on the dog parks, include packets with information to pass out and have light refreshments.

**6. Additional Information:**

- Mr. Jarvis said "CityLink" came out in the Billings Gazette and it included an article on dog parks.
- Mr. Jarvis reported they are continuing to work on the westend site with the Engineering Department and the County Commissioners.

**Information Discussed at the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting**

- Mark informed the committee that approximately \$12,585 has come in through donations and sales.
- The committee agreed to have Park and Recreation Board member Todd Royal join the committee.
- Mr. Jarvis said Recreation Superintendent Joe Fedin is working on putting together a symbol such as a bone or fire hydrant on the dog park website showing the current funds rose.
- The committee discussed sending out letters and having a follow up meeting in January for animal vendors and those who attended the Kick-Off Celebration.
- The committee discussed moving forward with developing Riverfront Park this coming spring. No final plans were made at the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 am**