

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: March 10, 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

Sue Bressler called the meeting to order at 7:35 am.

1) Roll Call:

All members were present except for Ellie Whitney.

2) Approval of Minutes:

Committee members reviewed the minutes and noted two misspelled words. Rachel Cox made a motion to accept the corrected February 10, 2009 minutes. Marcia Clausing seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

3) Additions to the Agenda:

None

4) Fundraising:

Fundraising Chair Kay Haire said she met with Debbie McGregor at Suttons to discuss fundraising t-shirts. She said that Debbie has agreed to do the artwork for shirts at no cost. She said cost to print on white short sleeve t-shirts with 2-4 colors would be around \$5.40-\$6.85.

Suzanne asked what the cost would be to print on a colored t-shirt. Kay said she had no prices at this time but she will get that information for the next meeting.

6) Fundraising Brochure:

Park Planner Mark Jarvis passed out an updated/corrected copy of the brochure for the committee to review. He said the brochure was presented to the Park and

Recreation Board in February and they all thought it was pretty good. He said the Board did make a few corrections regarding the donation section.

Mark said he spoke with the developers of the Park and Recreation logo on the committee's suggestions for the dog park logo from last month's meeting. He said they have requested that the initial PRPL logo have no major design changes.

Warren brought up a question regarding the close donation prices for a picnic shelter \$35,000 and the naming rights of a dog park \$30,000. It was commented that the naming of a dog park should be more than the picnic shelter. The committee agreed and decided upon increasing the naming donation price from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Committee members made several more suggestions and corrections on the brochure. Mark will have the corrections done and a final copy of the brochure ready for review at the next meeting.

7) Sharptail Park:

Suzanne, Kay and Mark attended the County Park and Recreation Board meeting to discuss Sharptail Park. No final decision was made at the meeting. The Board will be holding another meeting and will be discussing further the park. Once they have come up with a decision they will then give their recommendation to the County Commissioners.

Rachel suggested for the committee to personally contact each of the County Park and Recreation Board members before their next meeting to visit and explain the vision and plans of committee for the dog parks.

Updates will be given at the next dog park meeting as to the outcome of Sharptail Park.

8) Additional Information Discussed:

- Committee Chair Suzanne Bressler brought the question regarding the maintenance of the dog parks at the County Commissioners meeting. She expressed that we should have answers to the questions on maintenance. Mark said trying to get money for maintenance is difficult. Rachel said there are a lot of ways to get money for the maintenance such as fees from licensing your animal to having dog training classes that we charge a fee to attend. Mark said he has spoke with Dave Klein from the Animal Shelter and he is interested in attaching a fee to licensing. He said he will be looking into the cost of maintaining a dog park and get back to the committee that information.
- Mark made a suggestion for the committee to come up with a mascot. Committee members thought it was a great idea.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 am