

**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:** April 7, 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 7:35 am.

**1) Roll Call:**

All members were present except for Ellie Whitney.

**2) Approval of Minutes:**

Committee members reviewed the minutes. Rachel Cox made a motion to accept the March 10, 2009 minutes. Kay Haire seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**3) Additions to the Agenda:**

None

**4) Fundraising:**

Fundraising Chair Kay Haire informed the committee that it will be an additional cost of a \$1.50 to use colored T-shirts.

She presented four designs created by Suttons for comments. Ms. Haire said she will be discussing further with Suttons minimum run, the financial part of the project and the total number of designs we are allowed to choose.

The committee discussed funding for the T-shirt project. Rachel Cox informed the committee that her and her husband Paul will be donating funds to the Park and Recreation Foundation earmarking it for dog parks/T-shirts.

Ms. Haire made a comment about the possible opportunities in advertising the dog parks. She said she recently participated in a parade and noticed a large amount of dog owners with their dogs attending the parade. She expressed that it would be a great idea to distribute pamphlets with dog bones attached to people attending such events as parades, festivals and the Farmers Market.

Ms. Haire also said she plans to meet with a gentleman in the advertising business that is willing to donate his time to discuss additional fundraising ideas.

**6) Fundraising Brochure:**

Park Planner Mark Jarvis said the brochure is ready to go except for the map showing the locations of the parks. Since all the locations have not been secured it was decided that the brochure could be printed but along the end of the location map write “*future westend location to be determined*” in yellow.

**7) Sharptail Park:**

Mr. Jarvis updated the committee that the Park Division has been corresponding with the County Park and Recreation Board and County Commissioners regarding Sharptail Park. Park and Recreation Director Mike Whitaker recently sent a letter to the Commissioners with the departments and committees expressed interest in possibly obtaining all or part of the land. Mr. Jarvis explained that there has been no final answer given at this time by the county but the department will continue to correspond with them.

**8) Additional Information Discussed:**

- Mr. Jarvis said Public Works will be doing work by Harvest Church in the Heights. He said dirt leftover from the work will be donated to us to use at the High Sierra Park Dog Park.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 am**