

Dog Park Exploratory Committee Meeting Minutes

PROJECT: Dog Park

**MEETING MINUTES
RECORDED BY:** Melonie Trang

MEETING PURPOSE: Discuss the development of a Dog Park

MEETING DATE: January 24, 2008

DOG PARK COMMITTEE:

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

PRC BOARD REPRESENTATIVES: Rachael Cox, James Strecker

PRPL STAFF: Mike Whitaker, Mark Jarvis, Melonie Trang

Mark Jarvis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1) Roll Call:

Introductions were made by PRPL Staff and Committee members. All members were present except for PRC Board Representative James Strecker.

2) Approval of Minutes:

Mark discussed the purpose for having an agenda and minutes.

- The agenda will be used as a guideline to follow for the meeting.
- Minutes will be taken as a record of what is discussed and what recommendations are made by this committee.

3) Additions to the Agenda:

There were no additions to the agenda.

4) Organize Committee:

Mark made a request for the appointment of a committee chair. Rachael Cox nominated Sue Bressler.

Following further discussion, committee members accepted the nomination and Sue Bressler was named Chair with Kay Haire as Vice-Chair.

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5) Regular Meeting Time:

Mark requested committee members to set aside a day and time to meet on a monthly basis. Members chose to meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 am.

6) Committee Function:

Mark gave a brief summary as to the function and purpose of the committee.

1. To help and guide the staff with the public.
2. Generate support both for financial and political purposes.
3. Organize public meetings
4. Make recommendations. (The committee is considered a recommendation committee not a policy committee; they can only make recommendations not give final approval for action. All recommendations from the committee will be sent to the PRC Board for their review. Once the PRC Board has given their endorsement, it will be sent to City Council for final approval.)
5. Give input on possible locations, construction, maintenance and rules.

7) Additional Comments, Questions and Information Discussed at the Meeting:

- Question: Cost to build a dog park. Answer: Approximately \$25,000. To date \$3,500 in donations have come in that would be applied to that amount.
- Question: How will we maintain the park? Answer: One possibility would be to have a membership fee.
Mark commented that this question would be something the committee needs to discuss further, giving other suggestions and input from others in the community.
- There was brief discussion on possible locations. Suggestions were: Riverfront for its location, trails, water source, natural areas and public facilities; Coulson for its size, trails, restrooms, shelters and undeveloped natural areas.
- Question: Is there a dog park included in any of the Park Master Plans? Yes, there is one included in (undeveloped) Lampman Strip Park Master Plan and possibly in the revised Master Plan for Riverfront Park.
- Mark commented that he has been receiving several calls and emails from the public in support of a dog park. He also mentioned that the media has shown their support of the park.

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- A suggestion was made to do a questionnaire for the public to give their comments and suggestions.
- Mark commented that the PRPL website will be a great resource for the public to be kept informed and also for them to give their input.
- Mike Whitaker commented that based upon his experience in building a dog park, it is imperative that they should contain water and shade.
- A comment was made on possibly providing a special pass to the dog park for those who come in from out of town. In addition to that comment, it was suggested to speak with area hotels for their input regarding this.
- Suggestions on what to include in the park: training areas, separate section for smaller dogs, bags for waste disposal, water, shading
- Suggestions for rules in the park: vaccines, leashes, amount of dogs brought in at one time

8) Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26th at 7:30 am

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 pm