

Meeting:

In attendance: Dottye, Chris, Carol, Julie, Mike, Ellen

March 21, 2008, 6 pm

Letter of approval from PPNA

Upper Fells: voting

Fells Prospect: voting

Canton: voting

BH: put in April newsletter and vote in May? Ask Barry.

Continue gathering signatures from petitions until meeting with Kraft.

PPNA: walk with dogs on corner at 7pm Balto & Linwood, every Wednesday, 20 or 30 people to do the walk.

Pursue with Kraft for meeting with FOPP, and follow up with community groups.

CCA put pressure on Kraft. Persuaded to change his mind.

Letter writing campaign to Kraft; sample letters; petition site, addendum letters.

Sign up page on our dog site. Blog. Chris take over website.

Go ahead with application w/o waiting for FOPP.

CCA being financial agent? Carol will check.

Have a meet and greet for people with in dog park. Drinks with Dog Park. Tentative date, April 24, 6:30 to whenever. Just to meet and greet. Give people a handout, business cards. Sample letters. They are on yahoo board. Put them on our site.

Yahoo group: No more venting.

Clean up date: Yappy Hour, try to get new volunteer to spearhead park cleanup.

Café Press tstockkie: tee-shirts & stickers. Moo mini-business cards

Next meeting: April 1

Julie will make flyer covering Yappy Hour, petition, email

Friends of Patterson Dog Park
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2008

Attendees: Julie Allen, Dottye Burt-Markowitz, Christ Styles, Annemarie Leonardelli, Ellen Reich, Mike Wieczorek

1. Updates

Carol is attending the Canton Community Association meeting.

2. Patterson Park By-Laws

We discussed the board member dues issue and felt that it should be kept in the by-laws. Dottye will update some verbiage and send it to Julie for updating on the site.

3. Media/Outreach/PR strategies

The decision was made that we should have three things in place prior to expanding our current outreach efforts:

- Finalized 501c3
- Finalized decisions regarding board members
- Receipt of letters of support from the neighborhood associations

We also decided that, at least for now, Dottye will be our spokesperson. If anyone sees any items in the media or listserves that you feel need a response, send a message to Dottye. We will discuss a back-up plan at the next meeting.

4. Letter to FOPP asking for their stance

The decision was made to wait until the finalized 501c3 is in place and that we have received all of the letters from the neighborhood associations.

5. Should we meet with Kraft & FOPP

The decision was made that this would be a fruitless effort since we already have their stances verbally.

6. Community Association Approval Letters

- Patterson Park – received
- Upper Fells – voting on April 9th (Annemarie and Chris will attend)
- Canton – verbally received (waiting on letter)
- Butchers Hill – June Meeting vote

Once we have the approval letters, we plan to post to the site and send copies to FOPP/Kraft.

7. Database of contacts

We are developing a database of everyone who wants to join the group and participate in events.

8. Yappy Hour

There will be a Yappy Hour on April 24th from 7-9pm at Geckos. We will have a sign-up sheet for people who want to help out with the park clean-up and other activities

9. Meeting date change

We are changing the meeting dates to the 1st Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be may 6th

Action Items

Chris – continue to work on the blog and the database of names

Carol – follow-up to find out if we have the signed letter from CCA and about the 501c3 status from them. Also send the list of names from the last sign-up to Chris.

Julie – develop flyers for clean-up and flea market. Also get information out to everyone for the business card information (zazzle/overnight prints)

Dotty – send Julie the PPNA letter and updated By-Laws to post on the site. Dotty will also be helping man the booth at the flea market

Mike – manning the booth at the flea market

Ellen – developing press release for the clean-up effort

Park Clean-Up – April 24th

- We will have a park clean-up on 4/26, meeting at the Pagoda at 10am. Bags and gloves provided
- Push this at the Yappy Hour and get people signed up
- Julie will develop a flyer
- Ellen will write a press release for the clean-up to get some positive press

Butcher's Hill Flea Market – May 10th

- We will get a table again this year
- Julie will develop a flyer asking for people to donate “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure”
- Donations of household items, books, clothing etc. will be accepted between 8-9am on 5/10

Next Meeting – May 6th at 6pm at Annemarie’s house

Possible agenda items: election of officials, next event, status of letters