

Draft minutes, Dog Policy Group, Parks Commission. August 5, 2012.

Group members present: Cara Robeck, Parks Commission Chair, and chair of group; Geoff Beyer, Parks Director; ad hoc members: Jim Eikenberry, Wendy Harrell, Ben Huffman, Lynn McNamara, Dave Pelletier, Susan Ritz. Group member absent: Larry Sherwin.

Other people present and participating: three members of Friends of the Dogs of Hubbard Park.

Motion to approve minutes of July 22, 2013 meeting: moved by Dave, seconded by Wendy, and approved by group.

Meeting Agenda:

- Canine Code of Conduct:
 - o Wording
 - o Signage: Do we recommend ordinance language is included on signs?
 - o Communication

- Definitions and ordinance
- Proposals for designated areas of dog or leash restrictions
- Incident Reporting
- Is anything missing from the draft report

- Process moving forward
 - o finishing report and getting to Parks Commission
 - o further meetings

Cara proposed, and group agreed, that the group review and make desired changes to group report, previously prepared and circulated by Jim. Susan recorded changes during this process.

Considerable discussion took place regarding:

- Wording of dog code of conduct; whether to include reference to city dog control ordinance and if so, in what manner.
- Wording and location of signs regarding code and other information.

Following the code review and change in wording, decision was made to briefly review remainder of draft report, with additional redrafting to be undertaken after this meeting as follows:

- Signage, by Lynn and Susan.
- Compliance with dog ordinance, by Dave and Jim.
- Designated areas of dog or leash restrictions, by Cara.
- Incident reporting, by Susan.

Drafts of above report topics will be circulated to the group and reviewed and approved at next group meeting.

General discussion of proposal by Friends of the Dogs of Hubbard Park that a committee be established to review complaints and take responsive action.

Considerable discussion took place regarding:

- How the committee would be appointed.
- The degree of formality or informality of the committee.
- Whether the committee's primary mission would be education versus enforcement.
- Whether the proposal should be contained in the dog policy group's report.

A decision was not made on any of the above topics concerning the proposal, or on whether to include such a proposal in the report.

A decision was made to drop from the report a reference to cost sharing ideas for obtaining funds necessary to implement recommendations.

The next group meeting was scheduled for August 19, 2013, at which time it is anticipated the report will be reviewed, modified if necessary, and approved for transmittal to Parks Commission.

Cara and Ben will be absent from the August 19th meeting.