



Five Cities Dog Park Association

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Meeting Minutes December 10, 2006 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Cynthia Eklund, Ray Quintana, Greg Perry, Mary Heathco, Mary Ricker

Board Members Absent: Valerie Breon, Karen Converse, Mike Snellen, Elizabeth Garcia, Dede Dizney, Christina Allen, Christina Rauch

Attendees: Steve White, Jared Sharon, Maureen Sharon, Donna Ortega, Tammy Ball, Steven Ball, George Rohrs, Laurie Aguilar, Shauna Sundbalk, Don Boggess, Rich Lopez, Mide Cody, Kate Shurson, Trisha Coffey, Jeannette Tripodi, Laura Henshel, David Henshel, Sara Henchel, John Nordlund, Traci Hambly

Meeting Location: Round Table Pizza, Spencers shopping center, Arroyo Grande, CA

1. Welcomed new members and passed out bumper stickers/business cards.
2. Read and approved meeting minutes from October 22, 2006 (no minutes were generated from that meeting).
3. We did not have a meeting in November.
4. On October 14, 2006 we had a booth at the Humane Society Wiggle Waggle Walk-a-Thon.
5. On October 28, 2006 several members attended the Atascadero's Weiner Races at Heilman Park. The intention was to learn how this successful fundraising is put together and implemented.
6. On October 29, 2006, A fundraising kickoff meeting took place. Pamphlets were printed and a plan was established to approach approximately 20 dog related businesses. However, this activity was placed on hold a couple of days later. The members were advised that getting pledges from local businesses would be more effective if we know what the donors are getting for their contributions. A draft plan of different levels of sponsorship will be presented to the City Council for approval in a future meeting.
7. On November 18-19, 2006 we had a booth at the Halcyon Faire. During this event, Joel from Cherry Lane Nursery visited the booth. He offered to supply ALL the sod or seed needed to get grass into the drainage basin.
8. On November 29, 2006 we participated in the Arroyo Grande Christmas Parade. This was a very fun event where approximately 20 people and their dogs had the chance to march through the village of Arroyo Grande. We were told later that our group was a big hit with the parade. All the dogs were well-behaved citizens!
9. On December 7, 2006 President Eklund met with Landscape Architect, Lenny Grant, to review the dog park design elements that will be part of the presentation to take place on January 10, 2006.
10. We discussed SLOPOST's new administration fee increase to 4%.
11. We discussed the upcoming Park and Rec Commission meeting that will take place on January 10, 2006. The meeting will take place in Council Chambers. The address is 215 E. Branch St. in Arroyo Grande. We need to pack the room for this meeting in order to be successful. During this meeting we will make a formal presentation to the commission in order to obtain a recommendation to move forward with our project. All members will be notified via e-mail and phone calls and encouraged to attend this meeting.
12. If we receive the recommendation from the Park and Rec's Commission, then we will get on the City Council meeting agenda where we will have the chance to make the same presentation. This will also be a VERY important meeting and members will be notified.



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13. We discussed having a membership pledge drive right after the 1st of the year. We can ask members how much they will be willing to contribute if we get the dog park. We will also tell them about the Park and Rec Commission meeting and why their attendance is so important. Some of the members who volunteered to do the calling are: Trisha Coffey, Mary Heathco, Donna Ortega, Maurine Sharon, Greg Perry, Ray Quintana, Cynthia Eklund, and Traci Hambly.
 14. We discussed a possible spring BBQ fundraiser but did not make any formal plans.
 15. We need a member to volunteer to be in charge of publicity.
 16. Membership: 172 members and growing!
 17. Next Dog Park Association Meeting will be on January 14, 2007