

# Five Cities Dog Park Association

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## Meeting Minutes April 23, 2006 6:30 p.m

**Board Members Present:** Cynthia Eklund, Mary Ricker, Ray Quintana, Christina Rauch, Mike Snellen, Elizabeth Folb, Dede Dizney, Christina Allen, Greg Perry

**Board Members Absent:** Karen Converse, Mary Heathco, Valerie Breon

**Attendees:** Steve White, Don Boggess, Maureen Sharon, Jared Sharon, Laura Henschel, Rolaine Nelson,

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

- 1) Welcomed new members.
- 2) Read and approved meeting minutes from April 2, 2006
- 3) Reviewed results of meeting with Supervisor Achadjian.
  - a) Availability of County Land near South County Library is not clear
  - b) Supervisor Achadjian will be our advocate
  - c) Pete Jenny (Dept of General Services Parks Division) is in favor of off leash parks. Pete reported that if we find a suitable location for a park on County land, liability insurance will not be an issue as opposed to private land.
  - d) Caryn Madalena (SLO County Director of Property) did not attend the meeting, but sent an alternate to take notes.
  - e) Supervisor Achadjian will arrange a meeting with the Park and Rec Directors from Pismo Beach, Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach in an attempt to get them to move forward with finding a suitable location for a dog park.
- 4) Dog Days event at Santa Rosa Park on 4/23 was a success. Collected some money and recruited more members
- 5) Letters to the editor: very few have been published lately. Mr. Big (Maureen and Jared Sharon) wrote a letter to the Times Press Recorder
- 6) New membership flyers were distributed at local pet related businesses
- 7) Small T-shirt order arrived. Members can purchase at cost of about \$10.00 while supplies last.
- 8) Magnetic bumper stickers are here. Free to members. Asking for a small donation for non-members to cover the \$3.00 cost.
- 9) Marvin Robertson made a sign for us to hang on our booth. Thanks Marvin.
- 10) Still working on possible Church land discussed during our last meeting.
  - a) SLOPOST will need to fill out the "Claim for Welfare Exemption" form
  - b) SLOPOST will need to provide the "Organization Clearance Certificate"
  - c) SLOPOST wants us to make sure liability insurance is addressed before going forward
  - d) A presentation to the Church will follow
- 11) Jan DiLeo, County of SLO Planning Dept. is writing a long-range Park and Rec. plan. It is suggested that we write her and get the idea of off leash parks into the long range plans.
- 12) Cynthia will look into how liability insurance is handled for City land
- 13) Jared Sharon suggested that if we can't get land allocated to an official dog park, then we should consider getting something on a future ballot.
- 14) There is a rumor that the Kiwanis club is looking into a dog park in this area. Don Boggess will see if he can confirm this rumor.
- 15) Radio program has been posted on the web site
- 16) The members of this meeting did some brainstorming on future meetings. It was suggested that we have a future meeting at El Chorro Dog Park. A further extension of this idea is to have a BBQ fundraiser at El Chorro.
- 17) Next meeting: Tentative date of May 21<sup>st</sup>. Location TBD