

Five Cities Dog Park Association

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Meeting Minutes May 21, 2006 6:30 p.m

Board Members Present: Mary Ricker, Ray Quintana, Greg Perry, Karen Converse, Mary Heathco

Board Members Absent: Valerie Breon, Mike Snellen, Elizabeth Folb, Dede Dizney, Christina Allen, Cynthia Eklund, Christina Rauch

Attendees: Don Boggess, Laura Henschel, Marvin Robertson, Traci Hambly, Richard Lopez

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

- 1) Welcomed new members.
Read and approved meeting minutes from April 23, 2006
Announced date of upcoming Supervisor Achadjian meeting with city park directors (May 31st)
- 2) Reviewed results of Halcyon Fair. Raised \$114.00 and recruited a few new members.
- 3) Reviewed results of Agility trials in SLO. Raised \$30.00 on Saturday; event was rained out on Sunday.
- 4) Briefly reviewed all the parcels we are still looking into.
 - i) Chumash Park -flat area in back of park, bottleneck entrance, could be graded and fenced
 - ii) Area behind South County Library –use of this land is not clear as we were informed land is already allocated. This may or may not be official, further support from the county is required.
 - iii) Heritage Park/Price House –supposedly about 10 acres in this remote Pismo Beach Canyon. We have not seen this site.
 - iv) Drainage basin South Elm –owned by AG; easy access and dry most of year.
 - v) Drainage basin below Vista Del Mar –owned by Vista Del Mar Homeowner’s association. Easy access, dry most of year.
 - vi) Drainage basin behind Longs Drug on Grand Ave –great location, does hold water good part of the year.
 - vii) Dinosaur Caves –good location but we have ruled this out due to erosion problems and difficult homeowners
 - viii) Costa Bella –haven’t completely given up on this site, but with current ticketing situation, we are directing our efforts elsewhere.
- 5) Reviewed recent media coverage in Coast News
- 6) Supervisor Achadjian was on the Dave Congalton radio show recently. Mary Heathco called into the program to thank him for supporting our dog-park efforts. Dave asked him to explain his involvement with our association on the air.
- 7) Several members expressed interest in obtaining a dog-park t-shirt. A list of names will be sent to Christina R.
- 8) Reviewed letter written to Steve Adams, City Manager of Arroyo Grande.
- 9) Talked about future viewing of Heritage Park/Price House property in Pismo. Richard Lopez shared some information from an article in the Times Press Recorder.
- 10) It was suggested to look into having our meetings publicized in the community section of the Telegram Tribune or other local papers as other organizations do. Ray will contact our Publicity committee and ask them to check into this.
- 11) It was also suggested that we should consider sending out postcards to remind people of meetings and events in the future.
- 12) Reviewed current membership count. We now have 89 members. However, as this number grows, the attendance of our meetings is declining.
- 13) Richard Lopez asked about petitions. This group briefly discussed this. While petitions are usually generated to get a measure on an election ballot, we can still proceed with this to collect names from local residents that support a dog park.
- 14) We discussed having a BBQ. Originally, the BBQ was suggested to take place at El Choro, but some feel that is too far away. In addition, this group believes that keeping a fundraising BBQ in our own community would probably be more profitable. We need to form a committee to coordinate this event. Some people who are willing to help are Richard Lopez, Traci Hambly, Tom Nordcog (not present at this meeting, but did express that he could help), Laura Henschel.
- 15) We also briefly discussed having a dog play day out at Port San Luis beach in the future.
- 16) Next meeting: Tentative date of June 18th. Location Round Table. (Note: we may need to change this because June 18th is Father’s Day.)