

Five Cities Dog Park Association

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Meeting Minutes June 25, 2006 6:30 p.m

Board Members Present: Cynthia Eklund, Mary Ricker, Ray Quintana, Greg Perry, Mary Heathco, Christina Rauch, Mike Snellen

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

Attendees: Steve White, Kathy McLaughlin, Jeannette Tripodi, Cary Krause, Jared Sharon, Maureen Sharon, Paul Broberg, Roger S. Baker, Traci Hambly, Michelle Taub, David Taub, Laura Henschel, Kate Shurson, Susan Howe

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 May 21st and June 4th, 2006
3. Reviewed the results of Supervisor Achadjian meeting with Five Cities Park and Rec. Directors.
 - a) Only 2 out of 3 city representatives made it to the meeting: Kathy Petkar, Grover Beach; Daniel Hernandez, Arroyo Grande. Also in attendance was Pete Jenny, County Parks and Rec.
 - b) Grover Beach said no land available and that the city of Grover Beach has already been “burned” by the dog park.
 - c) Arroyo Grande suggested the drainage basin South Elm. Although he was under the assumption that this is county land not city land.
 - d) Supervisor Achadjian asked Pete Jenny to research the Elm street basin ownership and found that the land belongs to the City of Arroyo Grande
4. Cynthia Eklund has contacted the city Manager’s office (Steve Adams) to request a meeting to discuss this 2.5-acre parcel of land and how it can be used for the Five Cities Dog Park Association. A meeting should take place during the last week of June 2006 as the City Manager is on vacation until then.
5. If we were to get private land, such as the church, the cost of a one million dollar insurance policy would be approximately \$1,500 per year to insure. City land or county land should not really be an issue according to Pete Jenny.
6. Petitions were previously requested at our last meeting. We will put these on hold pending an actual location to petition. For now, we ask members to pass out membership forms, business cards and display their bumper stickers.
7. Fundraising will be more aggressive once we have a location. The phrase “**Throw us a Bone**” was thought to be a good fundraising slogan.
8. Treasury report: We currently have \$437.10 in our account. In addition, we have approximately \$105 to be deposited.
9. Current membership count is still at 89 members.
10. Cynthia reports that she has received a couple of phone calls from out-of-towners that have found our web site. The main questions they ask are where can they take their dog(s), where are the pet sitters, and what businesses are dog-friendly. Perhaps a future action would be to add a dog-friendly resource list to our web page.
11. Goodbye and good luck to Kathy McLaughlin and Vito who are moving to Colorado Springs.