



# Five Cities Dog Park Association

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

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

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

**Attendees:** Steve White, Donna Ortega, Jerry Stanley, Jared Sharon, Maureen Sharon, Jen Rushing, Laura Henschel, Marv Robertson, Joan Ponza, Traci Hambly, Tom Nordskog, Don Boggess, Nicholas Cochiolo, Russ Cochiolo, Paul Broberg

**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 June 25th, 2006
3. Reviewed the recent events regarding the Elm Street Basin that was recommended after the meeting with Supervisor Achadjian and Park and Rec Directors.
  - a) Follow up meeting took place with Five Cities Dog Park members, Cynthia Eklund, Steve White, Mike Snellen; City Manager, Steve Adams; Parks and Rec Director, Daniel Hernandez; and Director of Community Development, Rob Strong
  - b) Results of this meeting were favorable, and they are open to the idea.
  - c) Observations noted by Cynthia Eklund of the City representatives take on the basin are as follows: Daniel Hernandez says the city has no money, and that such a park would have to be ADA compliant. Steve Adams stated that it would be nice to fix it up. He sees the basin as an eyesore. Rob Strong was interested in touring the basin to see if there would be enough space for parking on site.
  - d) Some of the initial concerns of the location include opinions of the residents, standing water during the wet season, the need for electricity and water, the proposed hours of operation, and how much money would the county contribute.
  - e) The second part of this meeting included a tour of the site. During this visit, there was talk about grading the area into 3 levels. This would be beneficial during the wet season to possibly keep at least one or two areas dry and accessible all year.
4. Another meeting will take place on July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Elm Street basin with Supervisor Achadjian, Five Cities Dog Park members, and perhaps some City representatives.
5. An attempt was made to contact all of the residents that surround the basin and get their opinions of the proposed off leash park. Cynthia Eklund and Ray Quintana made these contacts by going from door to door. This was done with the approval of Steve Adams as well as the local Police Department. A draft concept plan and cover letter was given to each resident contacted.
6. City Manager, Steve Adams had a conversation with President Cynthia Eklund and informed her that it was time to submit a proposal.
7. The following are some of the required items that we may need to include in our proposal:
  - a) Grading/trenching
  - b) Fencing/gates
  - c) Landscaping/irrigation lines/ electricity lines
  - d) Sod, decomposed granite, sand or other foundation
  - e) Parking pad (ADA compliant)
  - f) Doggie bags/dispensers
  - g) Trash cans
  - h) Water faucets for dogs/doggie fountains



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- i) Benches
  - j) Access road/road base
  - k) Decorative fence on street side of basin
  - l) Signs/bulletin boards/sponsor plaques
  - m) Maintenance
  - n) And possibly many other things that we did not come up with during this brainstorm session
8. Jared Sharon volunteered to do our proposal. We will need to form a committee to help Jared in getting quotes of all the materials mentioned above. We will contact member via e-mail and phone to see who will be on this committee.
  9. Donna Ortega and Mary Heathco volunteered to help with this committee, other volunteers to be determined.
  10. Greg Perry volunteered to contact a landscape architect, so that we have a better idea of what it is that we will be getting quotes on.
  11. Publicly report: No report
  12. Membership: 94 current members
  13. Treasury report:
  14. Phone/Communication: Larua Henshel volunteered to help make phone calls
  15. Next Dog Park Association Meeting will be on August 13, 2006