



Five Cities Dog Park Association

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Meeting Minutes August 13, 2006 6:30 p.m

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

Board Members Absent: Valerie Breon, Karen Converse, Mary Ricker

Attendees: Steve White, Jerry Stanley, Jared Sharon, Maureen Sharon, Marv Robertson, Paul Broberg, Virginia Sacks, Kristy Andreson, Laurie Aguilar, Barbara Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzgerald, Roger Baker, Kristy Kulbeth, Richie Lopez, Jeannette Tripodi

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 July 23, 2006
3. Reviewed the recent events regarding the S. Elm Street Basin.
 - a) On July 27, 2006 we confirmed that the proposal to Park and Rec Commission will be coordinated by member Jerry Bunin (Government Liaison for Central Coast Builder's Association) Presentation will be in Microsoft Powerpoint format.
 - b) On July 28, 2006 we visited the proposed site with County and City representatives from both Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach. (Supervisor Achadjian, Pete Jenny, Dan Hernandez, and Kathy Petker)
 - c) On July 31, 2006 we met with Arroyo Grande city representative Rob Strong to discuss proposed list of materials. At this meeting it was communicated that Dan Hernandez must be our primary contact from this point forward.
 - d) On August 2, 2006 we met with Dan Hernandez to discuss Engineering concerns, liability insurance, and possible landscape planning support from Cal Poly. Dan suggests during this meeting that we make our proposal to the Park and Rec Commission on December 13, 2006.
 - e) On August 3, 2006 we met with Arroyo Grande City Manager Steve Adams to discuss insurance. At this meeting Steve Adams said that it will not be a requirement to improve Elm St at the opening of the basin, but it would be a nice improvement. During this meeting we also go his approval to contact Arroyo Grande City Council members one-on-one to get their input and concerns. Future appointments will be made.
 - f) On August 3, 2006 we inquired about an estimate for fencing from Fence Factory. Galvanized chain link set in concrete footings is the recommended for a drainage basin environment. Around this same date, member Tom Nordskog got a verbal commitment from a local landscape supply company, Mier Brothers, to help us out in some way.
 - g) On August 8, 2006 we were informed that Arroyo Grande Engineering says NO grading is to be done to the basin. The exception to this will be to grade the access road that enters the basin property.
 - h) On August 8, 2006 we learned that CMC labor may not be cost effective as suggested at a previous Dog Park meeting.
 - i) On August 10, 2006 we had Fence Factory take measurements of the basin to obtain a quote. The will get back to us next week.
4. Further discussions of insurance led to the following suggestions:
 - a) Can SLOPOST be of assistance to us regarding an insurance policy?
 - b) Can we team up with other local organizations that currently pay insurance policies to get a group rate?
 - c) Can the County of San Luis be the "user" of the basin so we can be insured under the County insurance policy?
 - d) Since the City will still be using this as a basin and possible storage site, shouldn't they share half the cost of the insurance policy?
5. Cynthia asked for volunteers to help create a list of all existing dog parks by county for the State of California. We are looking for name of Dog Park, contact name, who pays insurance, and who is the insurance carrier. **Nobody**



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volunteered to help☺.

6. Roger Baker volunteered to get quotes for Class II Road Base, water PVC and Electrical Condulets once we obtain the dimensions.
7. Landscape Architect??? Greg???
8. We asked the members of this meeting how important grass was at a dog park. There were mixed views on this some did not want grass because of maintenance costs. Others did not care one way or the other. And still others said it was very important that there was grass.
9. Cynthia asked for volunteers to create a Fundraising plan. Mary Heathco volunteered to head this committee. She will have support from Maureen Sharon and Dede Dizney.
10. On August 22, Arroyo Grande is having its City Council Meeting. One item on the agenda is a land issue/proposal for Oak Park Vet. Support to this issue could be helpful to obtain future support from Oak Park Vet as a sponsor.
11. Publicly report: Lots of suggestions on how to increase our publicity. More cover stories in Telegram Tribune, New Times, Coast News, etc.
12. Membership: 101 current members
13. Treasury report: no report
14. Phone/Communication: no report
15. Next Dog Park Association Meeting will be on September 17, 2006