



Five Cities Dog Park Association

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Meeting Minutes September 17, 2006 6:30 p.m

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

Board Members Absent: Valerie Breon, Elizabeth Garcia, Dede Dizney, Christina Allen, Mike Snellen

Attendees: Steve White, Jared Sharon, Maureen Sharon, Laura Henschel, Paul Broberg

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

1. No new members at this meeting to welcome.
2. Read and approved meeting minutes from August 13, 2006
3. Our main focus since the last meeting continues to be obtaining permission from the City of Arroyo Grande to convert the retention basin on Elm street (between Paul Place and Basin st) into an official off leash dog park.
4. Activities since last meeting:
 - a) 8/24/06 2nd visit with Mitch Cooney, Oceano water district. Still no response on obtaining water for the proposed Elm St. basin site.
 - b) 8/30/06 Fundraising committee met at Maureen Sharon's house. Several good ideas are in the works. Next month's dog park meeting will focus more on fundraising as Cynthia will be out of town and Vice President Mary Heathco will chair the meeting.
 - c) 9/6/06 Cynthia and Ray met with 3 Park Commissioners one on one to get their input/concerns on the proposed off leash dog park. This included:
 - 11:00 a.m. Phil Lazano
 - 10:00 a.m. Ron Addison
 - 6:00 p.m. Pamela Ianneo
 - d) 9/7/06 Cynthia met with 1 Park Commissioner one on one to get their input/concerns on the proposed off leash dog park. This included:
 - 6:00 p.m. Donna Weland
 - e) 9/8/06 Cynthia and Ray met with 1 Park Commissioner one on one to get their input/concerns on the proposed off leash dog park. This included:
 - 5:30 p.m. Scott Harrison
 - f) 9/14/06 Cynthia and Ray met with Mayor Tony Ferrara and Councilman Ed Arnold to get their input/concerns on the proposed off leash dog park.
 - g) Positive newspaper article appeared in Time Press Recorder on Wednesday September 13th and Friday September 15th.
5. We will have a booth set up for the following events:
 - a) Harvest Festival in the village of Arroyo Grande on Saturday September 23, 2006. Cynthia and Christina R. will coordinate this event.
 - b) Wiggle Waggle Walk-A-Thon put on by the Humane Society. Mary Heathco will coordinate this event.
6. We would like to attend the Weiner Races at Heilman Park in Atascadero on 10/28/06 to observe and learn about this type of fundraising event.
7. Our presentation to the Arroyo Grande Park Commission is scheduled for 1/10/07 at 6:30 p.m. and will take place at council chambers in the village of Arroyo Grande. We will be asking for as many people as possible to attend.
8. We will **try** to schedule our presentation to the Arroyo Grande City Council 1/23/07 at 7:00 p.m.. We will be asking for as many people as possible to attend.
9. Publicly report: No report, Christina is moving away and we will need a new Publicity coordinator
10. Membership: 114 current members.
11. Treasury report: We are slowly building our funds. This will become more aggressive through the fundraising committee.
12. Phone/Communication: Larua Henschel volunteered to help make phone calls.
13. Next Dog Park Association Meeting will be on October 22, 2006. Mary Heathco to chair the meeting and discuss fundraising/pledge drive plans.