

MGPDOA Board Minutes
December 20, 2011
Held at the Meadowood United Church

Those in attendance:

Hubka, Bardee (member-at-large)
Lang, Colin (member-at-large)
Little, Cindy (member-at-large)
Machovec, Frank (secretary-treasurer)
Machovec, Jacquie (member-at-large)
Manley-Tannis, Richard (co-chair)
Rose, Dan (member-at-large)
Tree, Michelle (member-at-large)
Unrau, Kim (member-at-large)

Regrets:

Jones-Smith, Rosalyn (member-at-large)
Pucknell, Lance (co-chair)

1. The meeting came to order at 19:05

2. Landscape Architect Dean Spearman reviewed elements of his recommendations about park development to resolve some apparent inconsistencies between email-submitted comments from park users and comments made at the recent annual general meeting.

- a) With respect to the development of an agility course (using the existing small dog enclosure), it was agreed that there is limited appeal for this development.
- b) It was agreed that we should maintain as much tall grass as possible, but do what we can to maintain the viability of pathways
- c) A fence on the inside of the drainage ditch (to deter dogs from running off toward the Perimeter Highway) was a recommended addition to the master plan.
- d) It was agreed that the master plan should identify a parking area with removal of rubble near the existing (informal) site. There was also some discussion about possible entrance gates or barriers to isolate the off leash area from roads.
- e) If an area for small dogs is developed, it should be located in a more visible and appropriate area closer to the parking area/entrance.

The tentative completion date for the final report is January 2012,

3. The business part of the meeting commenced at 20:05.

- a) Richard Manley-Tannis welcomed new board members and initiated an introduction of members

- b) Items of new business were added to the agenda.
- c) The minutes of the board meeting of October 25, 2011 were accepted (motion: Lang, seconded by Little, motion carried)
- d) Frank Machovec reported that the Association had \$4500.64 in its accounts.
- e) Richard Manley-Tannis made a brief report about co-chairs' activities.
- f) A suggestion was made that board members should have defined areas of responsibility, but the consensus was to keep the present informal structure.
- g) It was agreed that the recent AGM proceeded satisfactorily.

4. New business:

- a) It was agreed that the Board to authorize the expense of t-shirts for volunteers on the poop patrol (motion: Lang, seconded by Tree, motion carried).
- b) Richard Manley-Tannis provided background on the history of the association and the rationale and time frame for the architect's report.
- c) Concerns were expressed about the Association's policies for the communication of activities such as meetings and the upcoming architect's report. It was agreed that members Machovec, Little, Unrau, and Tree should meet in January to review communications strategy, including the web site, Facebook, email, posters, etc. Frank Machovec will arrange the latter meeting.
- d) The possibility of constructing a warming booth or shelter at the park was deferred.
- e) Concern was expressed about the volume of dog poop at the park. It was agreed that we should encourage the City to do more bylaw enforcement, and the Association should organize wintertime clean-up campaign. Lance Pucknell is to contact the City about bylaw enforcement and the possibility of having more signage. Kim Unrau and Michelle Tree are to select a date for the clean-up event and coordinate planning and promotion for the event.
- f) It was noted that we might want to consider producing vests or other promotional items for possible sale at park events.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 21:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Machovec
Secretary-Treasurer