

## Grandview Nov 21st, 2015 Board Meeting - Minutes

Board Meeting at Colleen's - Elynn, Colleen, Brian, Deena, Zak, Alicia present. Denise absent.

- 1) We had 24 volunteers at today's work party - got holes filled in parking lot, south side entrance mud cleared, fence repaired in culdesac, more bag holders hung, blackberries trimmed and poop/trash picked up
  - a) We did NOT get drainage put in by lower fountain. Since we shut the water off, maybe it will be ok and we can do in spring?
  - b) We did NOT set a date for next work party. Should we aim for mid-late January?
  
- 2) Money - We made \$2100 today with donations, t-shirts and magnets
  - a) Colleen sent out email 11/22 that we have YTD raised \$8,597.51
  - b) DOGS T-shirts are selling well! We got more Gray sizes, and many in the Blue/Green option as well.
  
- 3) All set for Santa Photos on 12/5
  - Lots of interest! We may need to extend time longer than 11am-2pm
  - Volunteers should meet at 9am
  - Colleen has a fake christmas tree we can set up
  - Elynn has santa Suit and large dog jingle collars
  - Zak has plastic decorations and teddy bears
  - Alicia will bring camera, chair, decor and small dog jingle collars
  - Alicia will make sign in sheet and sheets for each customer to track photos with dogs for email purposes
  - Colleen will assist at table for sign-in and selling merchandise
  - Cyndi will sell cider and cocoa
  
- 3) No word yet on contract from Scott Van Eaton - AMPT Animal rep regarding fundraising for Grandview and Agility Equipment design (Reuse tires and posts, get rid of wood ramps)
  
- 4) Zak bought Magnets and 2016 Calendars to sell at work parties / fundraiser
  - Sold 19 magnets today at 11/21 work party!
  - Will be great for at Santa photo day as stocking stuffers
  
- 5) Plaques - Alicia still needs to send revisions to Deena before we can post / send
  
- 6) Memorial Stones or bricks? Some options available online we could order and mark up as donation for profit towards park proceeds. Need to figure out best format and where we would put, how we would secure. Best option is etched bricks because they are cheapest cost and we could lay in concrete in the 'path to nowhere in lower field' - we would wait until we sell like alot and then do a work party to set them.
  - would need City of SeaTac permission to lay in concrete
  
- 7) We need to re-do the main whiteboard on bulletin board - the red marker is drying to the dry-erase due to heat and sun.
  - Elynn will re-paint with chalkboard paint
  - Someday put chalkboard paint on ends of shed so we can use for advertising events and money

8) Deena wants to paint the lower and upper sheds Black and paint them with White DOGS logo for strong branding and help the buildings stand out better.

- Need approval from SeaTac parks dept
- Denise's husband is a painter and can help with materials and labor
- Sheds were last painted in summer 2013
- lets wait for spring 2016 and see if we want to then

9) Deena is working on QR Code signs to post around park so users can text or scan to donate \$ to DOGS. She will make 5 catch phrases and send to DOGS Fundraising committee for idea approval.

10) Dog Walker - discussions as to if DOGS should attempt to contact Dog Walkers using Grandview for payment/donations

- Appx 30 dog walkers estimated to be using Grandview currently
- Come from all over greater Seattle area, now that many other parks are starting to regulate
- Elynn spoke with Charlotte of WOLF (Woodland Park Offleash Friends?) to get some ideas on what they are experiencing as a sub group for Woodland Park, separate from COLA
- Some Grandview park users have complained to Elynn about other walkers and pack issues
- Many walkers are not from local area and are not caring for park - leaving poop, misbehaving
- Many walkers have no idea that Grandview is not supported by city
- Most walkers using do NOT give financial donations to help support operations at Grandview
- DOGS has no authority to govern Dog walkers
- Currently no regulations or permits required of dog walkers in Grandview by City of SeaTac or King County
- Trying to avoid situation like at Marymoor where walkers have to pay annual fees, are limited on dogs per handler and must wear blue vests to identify them apart from general park users
- Alicia will start buy adding blurb to mailers to ask for donations, hinting that dog walkers might want to consider donating as part of business advertising
- Adding "donations to date" v "donations needed" OR ELSE park will close
- Adding "top business donors" may add incentive for other owners of walkers to give money since park is vital to their business

10) Alicia will email SeaTac Parks that we shut off water at Grandview and to find out if they have received any bills from Water District

11) Aaron Wells renewed [www.grandviewoffleash.org](http://www.grandviewoffleash.org) domain for another year with 1&1 Communications.

- Brian reviewed it and is ok with DOGS continuing.
- Alicia to make an account with 1&1 so we can switch it over soon. ~\$28 / month

12) Alicia is registering DOGS for Microsoft employee contribution match

13) Alicia will ask Amazon Smile re: status for non-profit