



**Laura & Peter Mossakowski  
Family Dog Park**



**MINUTES  
November 8, 2013  
12:30pm @ Oakview Veterinary Hospital**

1. Welcome & Introductions: In attendance was Laura Mossakowski, Angela Gorall, Joel Ehrfurth, Paul Theys, Shawn Schneider, Sandy Kemper, Mark Taggart, Steve Soukup and Dr. Ruth Hanson
2. Approval of Minutes: October Meeting minutes were approved.
3. Event Updates & New Information
  - a. Bellevue Trick-or-Treat Trail (10/19/13): Gorall noted that a total of \$168.25 was raised at the event.
4. 501(c)(3) Designation – Pro's and Con's Review: Mossakowski reviewed the requirements to secure the designation including paperwork, financing details, articles of incorporation, etc. The group discussed the possible change to create a 501(c)(3) and impacts to future fundraising. Soukup agreed to contact two local attorneys on possible assistance. The group supported pursuing this option further and continuing discussions at future meetings.
5. Capital Fundraising Campaigns
  - a. Fund Balance – Recent Donations Update: Gorall updated the group on the account balance noting that a total of \$27,484.45 has been raised. Gorall also reviewed recent donations received. Mossakowski noted that Lizer Landscaping will soon be making a donation.
  - b. Major Campaign Updates: Soukup noted efforts to request a donation from Costco. They would not provide a monetary donation, but may provide food or other supplies for an event. Soukup continues to work with other businesses in the area to identify interest in future donations.
  - c. Community Campaign Updates
    - i. Collection Box Inventory Update: Gorall reviewed locations of current boxes and when they were last emptied. Kemper noted that she has contacted all veterinarian food and drug reps and is pursuing basket raffle donations. Globe is hosing pet photos with Santa on Thursday and will sell dog paw/sponsorships and provide info on the park. Taggart also reviewed recent contacts with

Petsmart and Petco. The group then discussed contacts made with other local business that have participated in the past.

d. Grants/Foundation Updates

- i. Beneful Dream Dog Park Contest – Finalists on Nov. 7: No new information was available; therefore it is assumed we were not selected as a finalist.
- ii. WPS Grant Submitted Oct. 28: Gorall noted that a grant request has been submitted and results should be announced before the end of the year.

6. Other Matters

- a. Bellevue Director of Parks & Leisure Services Update: Gorall updated the group on the Village's status on hiring a new Director.

Joel Ehrfurth with Mach IV Engineering discussed site development, bidding, design, etc. with the group. The group discussed potential costs for those steps and options for bidding and requesting potential in-kind donations from contractors. The group agreed that further evaluation and review is necessary before proceeding with any actual site development. More work will also be necessary to delineate wetlands (permitting, potential obstacles, time requirements, impacts to design, etc.). Soukup noted that the Village Board still needs to officially approve the location of the facility.

Shawn Schneider has officially joined the committee.

7. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. at Oakview Veterinary Hospital (site may be moved to Costco).