



Good Morning Everyone,

Here is an update from the last meeting on Thursday, February 21st.

Item 1: Update on Progress

- The AKC recommended that we do not set up a table at the Detroit Dog Show. They have found that many organizations do not have good results for their time and effort. COBO Hall where the Detroit Dog Show is located "...does not allow free distribution of literature to promote an agenda."
- A meeting was held with Susan Wells from Oakland County Parks. Oakland County Parks will be opening up a dog park at Red Oaks in 2 years and at Waterford near Pontiac in 3 years. The fencing they are using is a fabric metal mesh with cedar posts. I do not recommend this type of fence for the dog parks in Royal Oak due to the fact it be better to use a chain link fence since they last longer in urban environments.
- The Mission Statement and the Logo was presented. The majority of emails and responses at the meeting were positive.
- At the time of the meeting there was not an update for the web page. *An email was received after the meeting. Someone has been found to work on the web site and all logo information along with font and colors have been sent to them so that work can progress along with the mission statement..*
- Due to sickness and personal emergencies a fundraising meeting had to be canceled and was not rescheduled at the time of the meeting. *A meeting has been scheduled for this Wednesday for the Fundraising committee.*

Item 2: Locations

- It was stated that Grant Park cannot be used as a dog park due to the fact half the property is owned by the school district and the school board may decide to sell the property in the future.
- A spreadsheet was distributed concerning the locations. The spreadsheet explains why certain parks were not available due to size, activities, proximity to schools, etc. On the column on the far right, if the park received a check mark, it was decided that would be a good park to use.
- The locations were discussed further. It was decided the three parks would be the best: Lawson, Mark Twain, and Meininger. Only Mark Twain has been approved by the city to be a dog park. A presentation will have to be given to the Royal Oak Parks and Rec Board to have Lawson and Meininger approved.

- The reasons for choosing Lawson is the fact it is close to downtown Royal Oak (which will hope get businesses interested in fundraising); and it is in the south end of the city limits.
- The reasons for choosing Meininger is the fact it is close to downtown Royal Oak; and it is in a somewhat central location of the city.

Item 3: Budget

- A spreadsheet for the budget was distributed for each park.
- Everyone decided that it was time to kick off fundraising. A letter will be sent out in the next two weeks to all Royal Oak licensed dog owners for a donation.
- At the same time the letters are being mailed but we will be trying to get an article in the newspapers to help remind people to donate.

Item 4: Next Meetings

- **The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5th of March at 7:00 pm in the Games Room at the Mahany/Meininger Senior Center off of Thirteen Mile**
<http://www.ci.royal-oak.mi.us/senior/mapm&m.html>
- **The reason for this is the Parks and Recs Board meeting is on Thursday, March 6th.**
- **The meeting after that will be held on Thursday, 10th of March at 7:00 pm in the Room #1 at the Mahany/ Meininger Senior Center.**

Just to let everyone know \$967.00 donations have been received so far.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions. There is a lot of information that was discussed and is in this email (especially the spreadsheets).

Hope everyone has a nice day,

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