

GHPC Meeting

01/22/14

7pm

Home of Sid Callahan
5 Massachusetts Ave
Worcester, MA 01609

Meeting called by: Brian McCarthy **Type of meeting:** General
Facilitator: Brian McCarthy **Note taker:** Lori Rauptis
Attendees: Sara Moradian, Kristen Maki, Sid Callahan, Dale Harger, Becky Noone, Randy Bloom, Ken Lundquist, Larry Freed

Minutes

Agenda item: Minutes from previous meeting **Presenter:** Brian McCarthy
Discussion: Lori never sent – to be completed and emailed

Conclusions:

Agenda item: Dog Park **Presenter:** Brian McCarthy
Discussion:

City is proposing a dog park as you enter the park from Greenhill Parkway, go through the pillars proposing on hill top located on the right. The issue was not discussed at the last parks commissioners meeting on 1/16/14.

The area will be fenced off.

Ken objects, feels the City is not 'obligated' to give dog owners a park. He does not want to see area developed. Does not want trash cans, etc in area. Randy also objects. Also feel would be a noise and traffic concern for neighbors and that more 'undesirable' dogs would be brought to park.

Lori comments that from her experience with dog parks it is typically the more responsible dog owners that would utilize this area, not ones with the 'undesirable' dogs. Also that typically people that frequent dog parks with their dogs are responsible and clean up after their dogs.

There is nothing in our settlement agreement that could stop the City from moving forward with this proposal.

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Conclusions: Brian says that if people care to voice their concern against a dog park that they need to attend the next parks meeting and voice it there. He will forward the date of the next meeting to group when he hears of it.

Agenda item: MOU

Presenter: Brian McCarthy

Discussion:

MOU was officially signed on 12/6/13

We still have not received the 'final' list of plans and forms. Dale to contact City to obtain.

Conclusions:

Agenda item: Annual Meeting

Presenter: Brian McCarthy

Discussion:

Date of April 23 or 30....proposed

Speaker - Dale to contact Kathy Abbott of Tower Hill to see if she would be our guest speaker. Date to be determined as to her availability. Brian offers to take her on a walk around park before meeting.

Location – Grill on the Hill

Refreshments –

Nominating Chair

Mailing –

New Members nominations – any one can nominate if they have ideas/suggestions

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Park hours by school

Presenter: Sara Moradian

Discussion:

Concerns that the hours were not only spent in GHP. However the agreement for Voke school to only work in GHP was a verbal agreement so we cannot enforce. Since it is not in writing we cannot disagree with Voke students spending time in other parks.

School director was unaware that the students are supposed to perform 5600 hours of service in the parks so they only had 3300 hours last school year

Conclusions: . The new director is now aware and we should expect to see the hours increase next school year

Next Meeting to be in March to review mailing list and post cards.

Adjourn 810pm