



ORANGE DOG PARK ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MINUTES

APRIL 23, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Board Members

Nancy Randall
President

Vice President

Rosie Cash
Treasurer

Doreen Dubocq
Secretary

Sharon Frank
Member

Joyce Atherly
Member

Jeannine Lawrie
Member-at-Large

Herbert Moss
Member-at-Large

Mission Statement

To support the City of Orange Department of Parks & Recreation by raising funds and providing volunteer support to improve and better maintain the Orange Dog Park, in which pet dogs can be exercised without leash restraint in a clean, healthy and safe environment.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by N. Randall at 10:15am; 5 patrons in attendance

Introduction of Board Members

Rosie Cash, Treasurer, Joyce Atherly, Board Member (operating information table)

Treasurer Report

As of 4/21/11 balance in checking and savings \$23,464.12

Old Business

Board Members and Volunteers Needed: We are in need of additional board members. If you are interested in giving back to the dog park see me after the meeting or go to our website and download an application. You will be asked to a board meeting. Same goes for volunteering.

We are up to 9 volunteers. Volunteers help with bag filling, tabling, and when we have clean up days at the park.

Ralphs Community Rewards Program and Food 4 Less: We are partners with Ralphs Community Rewards Program and Food 4 Less. If you sign up for either programs you can designate your portion to ODP. Up to 4% of what you spend at either store will go to ODP. Stop by our info table and get information on both programs.

New Business

Amazon.com Wish List: We now have an Amazon.com Wish List. You can access our wish list via amazon.com and select wish list at the right side of the page towards the top of the page. You can donate items that the dog park uses like the pooper scoopers that are available in the parks now. 2 people donated the 3 new scoopers and they are being put to good use.

Park improvements: You may or may not have noticed but the city was kind enough to change out the trash cans from the metal ones to the concrete ones. The metal ones were rusting quickly.

Another change around the park is the new storage unit. This is used by ODP for events and houses our supplies.

We have lowered all of the bag dispensers and have added another one closest to the gate in the big dog park since bags go quickly here.

The board is researching and planning a new improvement. A cement strip under the fence and gate between the small and large dog park to stop the digging between the 2 parks. We don't want any dogs to get out thru the holes in the fence.



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Newsletter: I hope you had a chance to read the latest edition of the canine chronicle, our quarterly newsletter. The president's message deals with increased number of dogs at the park since the weather is getting nicer, the city and their commitment to the dog park, our yearly membership drive, etc. And this quarter's article "etiquette at the park".

Please continue to pick up after your dogs. We are still having issues with people either not watching their dogs especially when they do their biz or just not caring to pick up thinking that someone else can do that. The mowers are here once a week and that just spreads the poop everywhere when they run over it.

Annual Membership Drive: Our yearly membership drive is coming up and we hope you will renew your membership or sign up for the first time. It is \$30 per year and helps the ODPa with the ongoing maintenance of the dog park. We are not in the city's budget for poop bags, grass, and other improvements.

General Discussion & Comments & Questions

Next General Membership Meeting: Thursday, October 23, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.
Location: Dog Park

Next General Meeting: April 2012 @ 10:00 a.m.