

Minutes of the Dog Park Feasibility Study Committee
May 1, 2018
Assessor's Office

Attendees:

Susanne Jarnryd
Tom McKean
Deborah Richardson
Bob Schulman
Don Shobry
Kate Stout
Ann Umphrey
Jeff Young
Guest: Tennessee

The meeting was called to order at 5:40. The minutes from the meeting of 4/26 were approved.

Erin will put a notice in the newspaper and on the Concord official website.

Jeff has it on Facebook, and can boost it.

Kate will reach out to Egg Rock sites and send a letter to the editor of the Concord Journal by May 10 to run May 17.

Susanne will put something on the Yahoo discussion forum.

Bob will reach out to the Next Door group on Main Street.

Anne will check on the following:

- Can Erin can get a trailer on CCTV?
- Can Andrew submit a notice to the newspaper?
- Can Andrew make up a sign to identify the committee members?
- Can Andrew get a white board or flip charts to capture comments?
- Can Andrew set up the audio in the meeting room? A traveling mike would be helpful, and it would be helpful to have the meeting recorded so that we capture all of the comments.

This is the agreed to announcement with wording taken from our charge.

The Dog Park Feasibility Study Committee is holding a public hearing to consider whether there is interest in and a need for a Dog Park in Concord, to determine key elements that would be desirable in a dog park, and to consider whether the need exists for a larger area of land designated for use by dogs and dog owners.

Jeff and Deborah will design the posters. Don will help. We will post flyers at the libraries, pet stores, Helen's, Emerson, and any other places we can think of. The goal is to get posters up by the end of next week.

Meeting planning:

Have an introduction that emphasizes that this meeting is for information gathering and that no decisions have been made at this point. The introduction will include a description/summary of our charge based on the paragraph above.

We will provide the following handouts:

- a recap of what we have done to date,
- sheet from AKC as a sample of dog park requirements
- a questionnaire to hand in at end of meeting (Jeff will do this). This should include a place for their suggestions on sites.

Susanne will print the handouts off.

We can start with open ended questions that indicate what we are looking for input from the public.

Do you see yourself using a dog park?

What do think a dog park is?

What amenities should it have?

Are you willing to pay additional taxes to support it?

Next meeting is 5:30 on May 10.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50.