

# PET FRIENDLY TASK GROUP MINUTES

December 14, 2022

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**PRESENT:** Abby Block, Michelle Gentine, Pam Hertel, Michelle Warner and Alli Karrels

**ABSENT:** Betty Ackley, Andy Heyn, Scott Mills, Kristine Potter and Caroline Richards

**STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Ryan Sorenson, Mayor; Joe Kerlin, Parks and Forestry Superintendent; Tyson Pitsch, Sign Shop

## OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by Michelle Gentine.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call: Betty Ackley, Abby Block, Michelle Gentine, Pam Hertel, Andy Heyn, Alli Karrels, Scott Mills, Kristine Potter, Caroline Richards, and Michelle Warner may attend remotely.

## MINUTES

4. Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2022

Motion by Pam Hertel to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2022 meeting.  
Second by Michelle Warner. Motion carried.

## PUBLIC FORUM

5. Limit of five people having five minutes each with comments limited to items on this agenda.

A. Samantha Lammers, Director, Maywood Environmental Park, spoke regarding pets in Maywood and the Park's commitment to work together with the Task Group.

B. Scott Hansen, community member, spoke about concerns regarding granting pet access to the southside beach and offered alternative ideas for the Task Group's consideration.

## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Recap of Pet-Friendly grantee meeting and report

The report was submitted to the Civic Design Center, responsible for managing the Mars Petcare grant program. The inaugural virtual meeting with the other four awardees went well and allowed for the sharing of progress, ideas and challenges.

## 7. Pet Friendly Parks

### A. Fencing

Joe shared details on the progress and plans for the pocket park located at 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Center Avenue.

### B. Signage

A few examples were shown. Michelle G. will put together final options for the group to select from at the next meeting. Tyson is able to assist with the selection process to ensure the chosen designs work well and render appropriately.

### C. Waste Management

Discussion regarding best means of installing and maintaining waste stations.

### D. Neighborhood Relations

Joe, Abby and Pam attended the Indiana Corridor meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. The feedback on Moose Park becoming pet-friendly was unanimously positive and the attendees are looking forward to having a dog park in the neighborhood.

Will keep an eye out for the next meeting of the Cleveland Park neighborhood.

### E. Education and Communications

No report.

### F. Ordinance Management

The Mayor continues to work with the Attorney's office on the language of the ordinance changes.

### G. Alternative Funding

No report.

### H. Success Planning

No report.

## **NEXT MEETING**

6. The next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2023

## **ADJOURN**

7. Motion to adjourn by Pam Hertel. Second by Abby Block. Motion carried.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:37 pm