

Per Mayor, put on agenda

**Bruce Wyatt**

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**Subject:** dog park meeting of 5/17/12

Dear Friends,

Notes from Dog park meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Cumberland room at ACPL 5/17/12

In addition to the Walkers, Weeks, Buxbaums, Becky Chamberlain, June, and Dean Phelan, Jim Decker was also present for our second DP meeting in the Library.

We agreed that 5 foot (not 4' as on the map) galvanized chain link for both small and large dog areas would be fine. We wonder if Tim Begley's cost estimates include installation and all necessary gates. We also wonder if the cost estimate for 5' galvanized chain link fence would be about \$12,000. There is dissonance between the Map (showing 5') and estimates sheet (showing 4'). Need clarification on this.

We agreed that amenities such as the shelter, water, accessible paths, etc. can be done in the future. In order to have a dog park as quickly as possible, we want to keep costs to a minimum. We need to have the slope of the land looked at; may have to do some berms/grading/seeding to prevent rain runoff swamping the dog park. That could be done before the fence/maintenance gates goes up. If feasible and if funds available, concrete for the shelter pad/foundation could be poured initially, and the rest of the shelter completed as funds available. We can use umbrella tables in the meantime if no shade is otherwise available.

Shelter, once built, needs to be moved away from the sally-port entrance gates as depicted on the map. It also needs to be positioned across the fence line separating big and small dog parks instead of lengthwise, as shown in the map we have.

Master Gardeners of CC may help with plantings/other landscaping.

Fundraising: Dee Walker and husband Jerry agreed to chair the fundraising committee. (They have the large map).

Since we do not wish to start another non-profit organization, we would need the City of Crossville to set up an escrow account for the dog park for donations.

Margie will take our suggestions to the City Manager, Bruce Wyatt, and ask to get something in writing from the city so that we can raise funds with confidence.

Once the City agrees to it, and sets up the escrow account, we can advertise the project (newspaper articles, outreach to dog owners, etc.).

Potential funders include vets, dog owners, perhaps foundations, VEC, etc., via grants. Everyone needs to funnel suggestions through the committee members, beginning with Dee and Jerry.

Dee suggested gingerbread dog houses around Christmas time as a fundraiser.

Becky Chamberlain said she would investigate donations of materials.

**NB: Margie has since talked with City Manager Bruce Wyatt, and he understands we wish to have the City put something in writing asap. Dee and Jerry should contact him in a couple of weeks if we do not hear from him before then. City Hall: 484-5113 or 5114.**

Margie Buxbaum  
Convener/recorder