

Johnson County DogPAC Meeting  
February 25th, 2003

Greetings:

Dogpac met at the ICPL on Tuesday, Feb. 25th to review and adopt bylaws and articles of incorporation. It was agreed that the corporate name would be Johnson County Dog Park Action Committee (JC Dogpac) in order to distinguish our group from Dogpac in California and to expressly include members from outside Iowa City.

The group agreed that seven people would comprise the board of directors and the initial board members selected are Fred Boehmke, David Bright, Anne Burnside, Beth Fisher, Misha Goodman, Barb Meredith and Beth Shields.

The proposed articles of incorporation which were posted on the website were adopted with these changes:

Article III. Section 1. The annual meeting will be held on the first Thursday of May of each year, beginning with the year 2003. Under the proposed language, the annual meeting was scheduled for May 15th of each year. However, this date is likely to conflict with the university calendar and could make it too difficult for persons affiliated with the university to attend the annual meeting.

Article III. Section 6. A quorum of resident members will be five members. We discussed several ways to approach the issue and opted for selecting a number so low that surely, surely, there would be a quorum at meetings.

Article XII. Section 2. Payment of Dues. We amended the proposed language to read that dues shall be payable as may be determined.

Section 3. We amended the proposed language to read that when a member is in default in the payment of dues for such period of time as may be determined, the member's membership may be terminated by the Board as provided in Articles II of the Bylaws.

The group wanted to leave open the possibility that Dogpac would want to create a level of membership which would require payment of dues, but also wanted to leave open the determination of details about that type of membership.

Everyone expressed their appreciation to David Bright for his assistance in drafting the documents. We will request his additional assistance to finalize the documents and file them with the Secretary of State to establish the incorporation of Johnson County Dog Park Action Committee. We will post the final documents as soon as they are available.

After acting on the matters of incorporation, several people remained at the ICPL to work on the park design. We continue to collect information on the cost of various types of fencing, trail construction, and shelter construction. The most difficult issue is how to include the creek in the off-leash area. Fencing in a creek is a tricky business. We are obtaining estimates on the cost of drilling a well to provide drinking water for people. Early estimates are pretty high.

The next meeting of JC Dogpac will be Thursday, March 13th. The ICPL

meeting room is not available so we will revert to using the Proctor and Gamble room at Mercer Park and the meeting time will be 7:30 p.m. Park design will certainly be a major topic on the agenda and most likely the formal creation of committees will be, too. In the meantime, tune in to PATV on Monday, March 10th at 7:30 p.m. Renee Paine will feature JC Dogpac and viewers can call in with questions.