

Johnson County DogPAC Meeting
March 12th, 2003

Greetings--

JC DogPAC met last night with a short but important agenda.

The articles of incorporation have been put in final form and submitted to the Secretary of State. This will officially create JC DogPAC as an Iowa not for profit corporation. When the certificate from the Sect'y of State is delivered, we will need to prepare our application for federal not for profit status.

Now that we are an entity, we need to focus on establishing a financial base and community presence. Beth Shields has agreed to organize public relations efforts. You can contact her at Beth-Shields@uiowa.edu with your ideas and assistance. Anne Burnside will work on local fundraising projects. You can contact her at ron618@avalon.net with your ideas and assistance. Sarah England will work on grant writing/funding projects. You can contact her at Sarah-England@uiowa.edu.

The reason for the PR and \$\$ activities? The park. That was the primary agenda topic. A committee (Beth Fisher, Beth Shields, Barb Meredith and Misha Goodman) have put in a zillion hours, so far, designing the park and obtaining quotes for the cost of the various elements. They presented the results to DogPAC last night and we had a good discussion. Some of the features include an ADA accessible trail, one or more shelters, and an information kiosk. DogPAC is trying to design a park that will include ecologically sound features and opportunities for volunteer projects. There is a proposal to establish native prairie plantings and to try out dog feces compost systems as an alternative to plastic bagging. The group is also looking into the feasibility of installing a phonebooth, and is exploring the use of alternative materials in constructing the parking lot and trails. Photographs of some models of park shelters will be put on the website (JCDogPAC@avalon.org) as will photographs of the fencing material which was used in the Cedar Rapids park. The committee obtained quotes from the fencing company who performed that work, and it looks promising.

JCDogPAC also has a "home" for meetings, now. The Animal Care and Adoption Center has been provided meeting room space in the old waste treatment plant, adjacent to the Center. We will give a more exact address with the meetng notice.

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