

Dog Park Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2012 7pm at Starbucks

Topics for Discussion:

1. Field of Dreams Council Meeting

- If anyone wants a copy of the information packet that we gave to City Council members we have extra
- We had 550 signatures on our petition to give to City Council, Great Job!!!

2. Cam-Plex Flea Market

- Collected \$45 total in donations toward Dog Park and received lots of signatures!!

3. Non-Profit Status

- Marcus Smith will file with state of Wyoming through Legal Zoom on line. This will cost \$362 to file the paperwork and once we have that done we can legally accept larger donations (people just won't be able to write it off on their taxes until we have filed 501(c)3 paperwork). We will be able to start accepting donations about a month later from the time the paperwork is filed. Once we reach \$595 in donations we will have enough money to file for 501(c)3 status and once we have this status people will be able to write off their donations on their taxes. Once we have paid the \$362, filed with the state, and start accepting donations we will keep track of people who make a large donation and notify them once we have the 501(c)3 status so that they can write it off on their taxes. Once we have filed with the state we have 27 months to file for the 501(c)3 status. Any large donation made during this timeframe will be considered tax deductible as long as we receive 501(c)3 status before 27 months is up.
- When filing the paperwork we must have a minimum of 3 Board of Directors to include a President, Treasurer, and Secretary (we can have more –this is just the minimum)
- Once we have enough money saved up we will have enough money to fund a Dog Park at Field of Dreams and Cam-Plex!!
- Contributions for filing the paperwork!?!

4. Gillette Public Access Channel

- Discuss making a video advertising our Dog Park Group

5. Dog Fancy Magazine –win \$ for a dog park in our town ;discuss any websites or dog food companies that will donate money for a park to be built here

6. Fundraisers

- First weekend of June there will be yard sales in Sleepy Hollow subdivision, we can put together all of our stuff to sell and also buy material from Walmart and make dog bandanas to sell for a few bucks a piece ;whatever we don't sell at this garage sale we can sell at another garage sale at someone's house
- 4th of July parade -maybe have a military person with service dog in truck
- Take turns sitting at Dog Park Table outside of local businesses
- Write letters to companies for donations
- 5k Run

7. Meetings

- Catherine Mahoney will email out meeting minutes to Dog Park Members after each meeting we have
- Marcus Smith will also post Meeting Discussions on our website at www.gilletedogpark.com
- March 19th at 6pm at City Hall is an important Council Meeting to attend – this is the Council Meeting that the public will be able to speak about our need for a Dog Park
 - Things to bring up: we are raising our own money to pay for the Dog Park, just need the land; it's a healthy outlet for people and their dogs; promotes more responsible pet ownership and decreases antisocial behavior in dogs resulting in less barking and decreased aggression
- Next Dog Park Meeting??