



Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

Off-Leash Area Working Group

Friday, February 01, 2013

9:30 a.m., Room 202

Meeting Minutes

Attending: Commissioner DeRubeis, Officer Torres, Lee McIntyre, Amy Koel, Carol Schein, Carol Stapleton

1. Update

- Commissioner DeRubeis distributed a summary of each off-leash account; Leveen Family Donation and the off-leash permits. There was discussion on using some of the revenue for upkeep of the fenced in off-leash areas. Mr. McIntyre stated the Cabot off-leash area needs a tree for some shade.
- Commissioner DeRubeis and Aaron Goldman of the Executive Office met with Cathy Mateo regarding Cabot off-leash area. Ms. Mateo would like the area closed. Before an off-leash area is closed, the request must be brought to the P & R Commission and to a possible public hearing. Ms. Mateo will be on the agenda for the February 25th Parks & Recreation Commission meeting.
- Commissioner DeRubeis will meet with Interim Chief Mintz to discuss the enforcement position.

2. New Business

- Attending guest Joe Kenyon introduced himself to the group. He recently adopted a rescue dog and has been using the Cabot off-leash area.
- Ms. Koel had a request from a dog walker at Hunnewell off-leash area to rent the off-leash area Monday-Friday 9am-2pm for personal use. There has been an intact Doberman in the off-leash area, as well as other dogs that are not permitted, she is not comfortable having her dogs around. Commissioner DeRubeis stated the off-leash area cannot be used for personal use. Officer Torres noted the information.

3. Next meeting

- The next meeting is Friday February 8, 2013 at 9:30am in Room 202