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Commissioner

## Off-Leash Area Working Group

Friday, November 8, 2013

City Hall, Room 202

### Meeting Minutes

**Attending:** Alderman Susan Albright, Officer Ralph Torres, Lee McIntyre, Carol Schein, Carol Stapleton, Bud Grantham

#### 1. Off-Leash Specialist Update

- Mr. Roberts suggested using the second entrance gate at Hunnewell OLA to allow the grass to grow back around the gate currently used. Ms. Schein stated in the spring the area can be reseeded and then the entrance would have to be closed for six months.
- Cold Spring Park OLA was closed on October 25 for a track meet. The track meet never took place, Mr. Roberts re-opened the area.
- Mr. Roberts tracked down the Australian Shepard involved in the bite incidents at Cold Spring Park and has given the information to Officer Torres. Officer Torres spoke with the owner and he will not bring his dog to the OLA and is taking the dog to a trainer.
- Mr. McIntyre asked if the OL permit should be rescinded. Alderman Albright commented a process to rescind the permit should be developed and reviewed by the Law Department.

#### 2. Area Updates

- *Thompsonville Playground:* Ms. Schein & Mr. McIntyre met Mr. Temkin at Thompsonville Playground. Mr. Temkin suggested a different area at the other end of the park for the proposed OLA. Brush would need to be cleared. All members present agreed to meet at Thompsonville before the next meeting. Mr. Kuklinski asked if the area meets the criteria and if a decision has been made regarding the deed. Mr. Grantham suggested the group make a plan at the next meeting.
- *Spears Park:* Mr. McIntyre received an e-mail from a neighbor of Spears Park who walks his disabled dog in the neighborhood. Mr. McIntyre suggested Spears Park be considered for use by small dogs and disabled dogs. Alderman Albright commented she will be meeting with Alderman Lennon and the neighbors to discuss the proposal.

#### 3. Next meeting

- The next meeting is [Friday, November 22 at 10:00am- members are to meet at Thompsonville Playground.](#)