

## Lincoln Hound Society Update Report

The April 11th. meeting had an enthusiastic turnout of members and guests looking for ways to support a dog park at Lincoln High School. Discussions included how to go forward with dog park development at Lincoln High School and to support other local neighborhood dog parks, such as one at O'Connor (Midtown Plaza). The larger PRNS dog park proposals at Guadalupe (Steve Roemer to do airplane landing sound test before final placement) and Cahill were also discussed.

Committee Chair positions for several vital committees were announced. *If you would like to help* these wonderful people to accomplish their missions and find out

HOW YOU CAN HELP – \*\*See page 4

Please see their contact info on the 'About LHS' page on the website.

A call was made for more activity and visibility of the Lincoln Hound Society. Possible points of action included:

- **LHS involvement with City Officials on a consistent basis**
- **Parks & Rec Anti-litter ( not puppies) Campaign**
- **Rally at City Hall**
- **Bark in the Park**
- *Among many other ideas.*

### **\*LHS involvement with City Officials on a consistent basis**

*Current Activity*

**Letter Writing Campaigns:** Chairs- Bobbi Coleman, Rolayne Strortz, Gail Rieg

Writes and distributes letters to selected city officials, departments, other civic groups.

Our main drive is to get our current members more involved to help assure our success in dog park development in being heard by the powers-that-be. A prepared, pre-addressed letter to the PRN (Parks, Rec and Neighborhoods) planning commission was handed out at the meeting and all are asked to sign , fold and mail.

**NOTE: A copy of the letter is posted on the web. PLEASE download, print and *mail* this form!** (Address provided on webpage) or contact our new Membership Chairperson, Gail Riegs on your next dog walk at Lincoln to receive a copy.

**In keeping with our new call for activity, is the request for ALL LHS members to begin and keep contacting city officials in regards to the development of dog parks.**

Below is a list of officials that we ask you contact at least ONCE A MONTH (email, write and/or phone) to voice your concern and support for proper dog park development. Make this part of your calendar! Please COPY , KEEP and USE this list!

**BECOME INVOLVED!**  
*Contact These Officials on A Regular Basis!*

**Contacts:**

**Ken Yeager**, San Jose City Council, District 6 Councilmember  
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Email: [ken.yeager@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:ken.yeager@sanjoseca.gov)

**Steve Roemer**, Parks Manager, (PRNS)

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**Jon Cicirelli**, Dept Director,

Animal Care and Services, 2750 Monterey Road, San José, CA 95111

Email: [jon.cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:jon.cicirelli@sanjoseca.gov)

**Dave Mitchell**, Project Manager- San Jose Strong Neighborhood Initiative (SNI Development for public neighborhood park along Auzerais Avenue -Support DOG PARK USE!).

email: [dave.mitchell@ci.sj.ca.us](mailto:dave.mitchell@ci.sj.ca.us)

(Note: Please keep your comments to these officials in a POSITIVE, SUPPORTIVE tone.)

*Current Activity*

**Special PRNS (Park and Rec) LHS Meeting:** Rolayne Strortz/Bob Walker Coordinators Meeting with Parks and Rec Department Liaison (Steve Roemer). Anyone who did not sign up at the meeting needs to let us know they want to come to the meeting We will Ask Steve Roemer about the progress for a dog park at LHS and other options available.

**\*Parks & Rec Anti-litter Campaign**

Chair: BobWalker. Collects signatures of litter pickup volunteers

Obtains vest, pickup stick, bag and gloves for volunteer

Volunteers choose or assigned cleanup areas

Selects volunteer to help schedule weekly evening and monthly week end pickups  
(plus ball games)

*Current Activity*

The LHS is now a sanctified member of the City of San Jose PRN Anti-Litter Campaign.

We have been issued city-recognized equipment to help keep San Jose ( specifically Lincoln High School) CLEAN. As a registered member of our *Canine Clean-up Committee*, you will be issued equipment from PRN (Vest/Gloves/Bags/Pick-up tool).

The vests now have our name on them “ Lincoln Hound Society Volunteer.” This will give us VISIBILITY as an involved *community service minded organization* .This is a very important and easy way to show your support! (Yes – you may walk your dog while performing this valuable community service!) . Please contact BobWalker @ 244-2535 for more details and your free equipment.

## **\* Rally at City Hall**

**Chairs:** Rolayne Strortz/Bobbi Coleman

Plans and coordinates rally at City Hall or the Rose Garden

The idea of forming a large group to rally at City Hall has been proposed. This would involve meeting near City Hall one afternoon ( to be determined) with our dogs on leash and PRO –open space/dog and *Community* friendly (people) signs to gain publicity and public recognition of the parks situation.

Participants would meet near City Hall one afternoon ( to be determined) with their dogs on leash and show support for Lincoln High School Dog Park. Or open space/dog parks. Small neighborhood *Community* friendly dog parks. Need volunteers to help make signs.

## **\* Bark in the Park**

**Bark in the Park Committee:** Need Chairperson & Volunteers

It is proposed that the LHS participate in the upcoming **Bark in the Park** event next fall. This could involve setting up our own booth to bring attention to our movement to gain members and support. It would also be a good recruitment activity to gain strength for the dog rally proposal by greatly increasing the number of people who attend. Another aspect would be for LHS to volunteer a to act as clean-up crew for the Bark in the Park event. That would have members in attendance throughout the event day, wearing our Canine Clean-up Vests for *additional* LHS visibility.

### **Looking for volunteers to**

Chair this activity.

Contact Bark in the Park and pay for booth

Staff booth in shifts

Hand out fliers (at event) and LHS card and member ship forms to join at event

Litter Team volunteers to attend and pickup during event in shifts.

**WE NEED YOUR INVOLVMENT TO ASSURE SUCCESS.** Please volunteer your time and talents to the Lincoln Hound Society's on-going efforts to establish dog parks in San Jose.

Contact Co-Chair Bob Walker @ 244-2535 to find out what you can do (see next page) or any committee chairperson for specific areas of activity.

## **\*\* HOW YOU CAN HELP and Other Committee Details**

### **Membership** (Chair : Gail Rieg) Need members to help recruit!

Registers new members. Supported by Web Master, other members and LHS mailbox.  
Works with Treasurer for dues collection. (Would really appreciate volunteers to help.)

### **Dog Group Coordination** ( Chair: Gail Rieg )Need volunteers to organize dog groups

Seeks out other dog groups to set up a unified dog park support group.

### **Dog Swap-Co-op** (Chair: Maria Hannan)

Registers and maintains LHS members list willing to exchange dog sitting services.  
Maria encourages members to meet at Lincoln to see which dogs are compatible,  
followed by home visits prior to accepting a sitting.

### **Pet Services** (Bernie Neizvestny ) – Forward Suggestions to Bernie

Investigates and recommends pet services to be posted on LHS web site.

### **Telephone Tree Coordinator.** (Ilya Neizvestny )– Need assistance!

Contacts members with announcements, activity and meeting information.

**>>BECOME A WATCHDOG! <<We need volunteers to regularly ATTEND monthly city department meetings** (City Council, PRNS, SNI, etc.) to make our presence known and keep LHS informed! Please contact Bob Walker to volunteer to cover one of the above departments.

### **Other proposed Activities .** (Volunteer needed coordinate planned activities of LHS).

Annual LHS Barbeque

Dog Grooming and Portrait Event with LHS Art Department

Training and socialization classes

*Please make any suggestions for activities you feel would promote the LHS and our goals.*

*Thank you to our members*

Gail: For making arrangements for our meeting place and it's promotion.

Bobbi: Help set the agenda for the meeting and future activities.

Chuck: Setup Clean-up Team vests with LHS stencil)

Bob: Put in an incredible amount of time and effort in preparing and organizing not only the meeting, but the *Lincoln Hound Society!*

*Give our members your support in their private endeavors*

Gail: Landscaping yards with an eye for dog usage

Chuck: Phantom Signs.

Bernie: Looking for location to start a dog care center

For additional information on these and other activities discussed, please visit our website.