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FIDOS
 Dogs and Open Space

March 2014 Summary

Revisions to the Green Tag will be discussed at the Boulder Council meeting on Wednesday 5th March at the council offices ([map here](#)).

The final proposals were released by OSMP yesterday evening. The full council package is available [here](#) but the V&S section starts at page 125.

The key areas of concern are that :

- There are no costs mentioned in the package, **in fact the price of the Green Tag has been explicitly removed.** No cost of the program, no cost of getting certified or re-certified if you lose access.

The city is budgeting for 16,000 participants, including hiring additional Full Time Employees and is intended to be "*cost neutral*". That means the cost will be distributed among the participants.

Early costs were projected at about \$750,000, **thats about \$47 participant!**

- If you get a ticket because your dog escapes from your yard *twice*, and does no harm, you will lose access to the Open Space and be banned for a year before you can reapply for a Green Tag. **This won't affect most people but there are people in Boulder who revel in turning their neighbours in for violations and will empower the worst behaviour in citizens.**

In addition, benefits of the program are seen as *economic benefits to dog training companies*. A few years ago FIDOS invited a few Boulder Dog Trainers to look into developing a program to address V&S in the Open Space environment. We found the most highly recommended trainers were too busy to meet with us. FIDOS members participating in the sessions decided we wouldn't trust our own dogs with the trainers. we did meet with so we couldn't recommend a program and dropped the idea. This means that the city will be driving program participants to "second string" trainers, just to meet the legal requirements.



OSMP Newsletter Signup

We've been asked to add a sign up sheet for people who would like to receive the FIDOS newsletter. We'll formalize it in future editions, but if you know of someone who would like to receive it, get them to send a note to "info@fidus.org" and we'll add the email from which the request came to the distro list.

In addition, if you are aware of people who may not be "online" and prefer old style mail, let us know and we'll get a limited number of letters out with the email printed.

Helping FIDOS

Its surprising how much V&S activity is going on the Boulder and the County which FIDOS members try to cover.

If you'd like to help out, but cant make long term commitments, we are pulling together a list of volunteer activities which simply involve turning up. For example, organizing a social event or attending an OSBT or Council Meeting and reporting back. (These meetings may seem dry, but when you have some skin in the game, such as preserving V&S access, they can be fascinating).

Let FIDOS know if you are interested in these ad-hoc activities and we'll put you on the mailing list.



FIDOS Meetings, Membership and Feedback

Members of FIDOS include a wide cross section of the Boulder Community, the common factor being an interest in enjoying and protecting the the Open Space, accompanied by our dogs. Many supporters are in fact "between dogs", but value meeting others with their dogs on the trail.

In order to retain and expand this access we each need to be "good stewards" of the lands around us and keep an eye on whats going on on the trails as well as in the meeting rooms.

Let us know if you have any ideas or observations on the direction of FIDOS. New perspectives on V&S are always valuable in developing our arguments.

FIDOS meets on the first Monday of each month, 7pm at the Outlook Hotel, Boulder. The agenda is always published in advance to make sure we hit all the issues. If anyone would like to address the group let us know in advance (mail here) and we'll make time in the schedule.

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