

The July meeting of **Friends of Mathias Baldwin Park** was held at Tivoli on Thursday 7/5/12 t 7 PM. (There was no June meeting after 2 in May.)

Present: Jim R, Joan A, Beth and Paul S, Mel S, and Jim F

Agenda:

- Discussed proposal for custom made signs based on those prepared for Friends of Rittenhouse Square. We agreed to try for purchase of 12 and for minor changes to the wording (Please keep off the walls and planting beds) Jim will follow up with Parks and Recreation Staff. Estimated cost about \$350
- Update on 501-C3 application. Paul indicated that the government had confirmed receipt of the application. He now has sufficient information for us to change our checking account to Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park from Friends of Franklinton Park. Paul will work with Jim R re change.
- Review of our spring planting and Picnic on the Park on June 2. Everyone thought it was our best ever and we actually had a few young neighbors stop to learn about our group. Beth recommended that we be sure to have the band return each year. Members who acquired donations, sent thank you notes.
- Mel brought up the issue of rebranding the neighborhood since most people don't like or know about Franklinton. After the group was not enthusiastic about calling the area Baldwin since only history buffs know about this connection, Mel suggested Barnes Hill. The group was supportive of that idea since the Barnes is now the largest local institution and we are on the hill above it. In the past most people have referred to our area when directing friends as near the library or the Rodin or the Whole Foods.

Membership checks should continue to be written to Friends of Franklinton Park until further notice. Please remember to renew your membership!

The next park cleanup is scheduled for Saturday July 21th at 9 AM.

The August cleanup will be on 8/25 at 10AM

Next FOBP meeting is **Thursday 9/6/12 at 7 PM** at Tivoli. There will be no August meeting

Submitted by Jim Fennell 7/16/12