

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 9/7/2017 7:00 – 8:10 PM - Tivoli Community Room

Attendees (12): Stan Ordo, Joan Markoe, Sandra Owens, Andrew Zaruski, Bob Strunk, Bob Sutton, Joe Walsh, Jan Roberts, Joan Applegate, Jim Ruddick, Jim Fennell, and Grace Hanrahan. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 8/3/2017 meeting were summarized by Grace Hanrahan and approved.

Status of Petition for Stop Sign & Crosswalk at 19th & Hamilton Streets: Bob Sutton, Democratic Committee Man, reported that he had delivered the petition to Councilman's Clark's office about a year ago, receiving an acknowledgement dated 9/13/16. Bob had checked on its status several times over the year. It is now in the hands of the Streets Department, which is doing a preliminary review of the traffic issues.

Calendar: Park Cleanups: Saturday September 23rd from 10 – 11 AM (8 attendees)

Saturday October 21st from 10 – 11 AM

Saturday November 4th from 10 – 11 AM (Love Your Park Day)

Next Meeting: Thursday October 5th at 7 PM

Floral Update: Lamb's Ear plants, which have become invasive, have been removed by the contractors from the areas to which they had spread.

Website Development: The website has been delayed for a couple of months while Jennifer Hallgren recovers from a broken wrist.

Dog Park: Jan Roberts reported that the Greene Street Dog Park run by the Fairmont CDC has opened. It is well maintained and organized. It costs \$100 per year for residents south of Spring Garden.

LSNA Support for Parks: Sandy Owens proposed that Baldwin and Coxe Parks might seek an annual contribution from LSNA as these parks enhance the neighborhood. Sandy sent the suggestion to Drew Murray, the LSNA President, who replied that LSNA's current budget is targeted to update the neighborhood development plan. Bob Sutton, who is an LSNA Board member, said that the annual budget has already been approved through June 2018. In the discussion that followed, the consensus was that in the future we approach LSNA with a specific project that they might help to fund, such as park signs.

Park Signs: Regarding the idea of our installing signs on the 18th & 19th park entrances, Joan Markoe wondered if Parks & Recreation might provide us with signs citing as an example the Von Colln Park sign. Jim Fennell will check with Jim Mako when he meets with him on plantings. Joe Walsh liked Bob Strunk's suggestion that a vocational high school might be interested in creating signs as a school project. Bob Strunk also suggested that there be clearer signs on the brochure holders and dog bag dispenser publicizing the "Friends of Baldwin Park".

Police District Advisory Council (PDAC) News: Joe Walsh passed along PDAC information from Colleen, who attends the monthly PDAC meetings for LSNA. Joe requested that members sign the impact statement petition at the Tivoli front desk to support the DA in getting stronger sentencing to help lower

violent crimes. Also, the police requested that neighbors call 911 to report any problems. The calls will document and target problem areas and help the neighborhood get more police support.

Neighborhood News: The Target store will open by mid-October.

Mel Seligsohn met with the developers of the apartment complex being built on Callowhill near 18th Street. They seemed open to his suggestion that the building include "Baldwin Park" in its name.

Treasurer's Report: Joan Markoe reported that we have: \$8,852.15.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Grace Hanrahan