

Minutes for Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park meeting of 4/7/16 at Tivoli Community Room 7 PM

Jim Fennell conducted the meeting.

Attendees: Bob Strunk, Mary & Frank Feingold, Joe Walsh, Sandy Owens, Jim Ruddick, Jim Fennell, Grace Hanrahan, Stan Ordo

Jim Fennell reported on the near neighbors meeting with Manna which is moving into Rodin Place.

A sign will be placed over the entrance doorway on 20th Street.

About 25% of the building will be occupied by the kitchen, conference rooms and offices.

They expect to increase the number of meals prepared from 1 million to 2 million meals per year.

Food deliveries will take place 4 days per week from Tuesday – Friday between 6 – 8 AM.

Manna delivers about 3,000 meals per day through their network of volunteers.

Each recipient gets 7 days of meals in a delivery.

Over a 6 week period, no meal is repeated.

March meeting minutes were approved with some corrections.

The next meeting is Thursday 5/5/16.

The wall mortar re-staining project will take place on Saturday 5/14/16 as our “Love Your Park” project.

Stan Ordo reported that it may require a primer coat prior to the staining.

Wednesday 5/18/16 between 5 – 7 PM is the tentative date for the reception to celebrate the replacement of benches and lighting, as well as wall repair. Forest City Development and M&T Bank will host the ceremony which may include a tree planting.

Both Mayor Kenney and Councilman Darrell Clarke plan to attend.

Parks & Recreation thanked us for the offer to donate \$1,000 for the purchase of plants. They may consider our offer after they complete their planting budget. A new contractor, All Seasons, has taken over the park clean-up.

Jim Fennell sent an email to Parks & Recreation requesting help in getting a stop sign and handicap curb cut at 19th & Hamilton Streets. Jim also sent photos of the northern tier to show the need for re-seeding.

Other Neighborhood News:

The Maltepes Family, owner of the parking lot between the Rose Tattoo and Franklinton Beverage Distributor, were planning to appear before LSNA at the April meeting. They plan to build a one story commercial building on the site, but the building will cover 100% of the lot which could create a problem for car access to the new apartment building which will replace the CCTC.

Sweet Nectar, a new bakery, opened replacing Potitos on 20th Street above Spring Garden. It uses natural ingredients and plans to have cooking classes.

Stan Ordo brought up an idea from Mel Seligsohn to create a kid-friendly dog-free zone in the park, but it was decided that it would be difficult to administer.

Van Colm Park has received full funding to renovate the playground and restrooms. A restaurant will be added.

Sandy Owens reported that there was no change in the treasurers' report: \$3,103.

The annual Picnic in the Park is scheduled for Saturday 6/11/16.

Bill Dooley has been hired to play with a contribution of \$200 from FOMB and \$200 from LSNA.

Jim Fennell will check with Seamus Kearney on a possible alternative generator for electricity for the musicians' equipment.

Bob Strunk, who is concerned about the amount of trash, suggested that the city implement a tax on plastic bags. This was very successful in DC. Bob is interested in bringing this proposal to LSNA and City Council.

Jim Fennell mentioned that he will have to leave the next meeting (5/5/16) early to attend a concert.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by Grace Hanrahan, Secretary of the Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park