

FRIENDS OF MATTHIAS BALDWIN PARK MONTHLY MEETING, JUNE 1, 2017

Present: Total 9. Jim Fennell, Jan Robetts, Joan Markoe, Bob Strunk, Joan Possiel, Mary Feingold, Frank Feingold, Joan Applegate, Sandy Owens

Next general meeting is 6 July. Clean-up 15 July. Per usual, no meeting in August. Monthly meetings resume September 2017.

Thanks to Jan Roberts for bringing homemade cookies. Jim Fennell summarized Grace's minutes for May. Previous to the June meeting, members had received an email of last month's minutes in its entirety.

Topics of Discussion:

Revision of M. Baldwin Park brochure, NO. The second revision done by Jim Fennell and Sandy Owens still holds true, not out-of-date. These brochures will be given out as requested at Parks on Tap. An unexpected supply of them was found in Jim's files. Jim Fennell also remembered that he was he who set-up Matthias Baldwin Park on Face book in 2012. Mystery solved. We had thought an anonymous benefactor had put our Park into social media.

We all admired the handsome laminated poster of Parks on Tap done by Grace Hanrahan and Stan Ordo at Staples for \$3.41. Agreement was given to Grace and Stan's request to order 10 more for display in the Park days before the June event.

Further publicity for Parks on Tap, June 7 - 11: Sandie Farrell emailed the flyer to Hamilton Townhouses; Jan Roberts contacted the website Franklinton Next Door Neighbors. She posted flyers in the north and south towers of City View and arranged for an email blast to all units. Tivoli -- Sandy Owens posted flyers in mail rooms. Jim Fennell contacted general manager for email blast. NorthXNorthwest, Parkway House, Granary, The Dalian, Philadelphian, 2601 and Spring Garden Towers received flyers delivered by Sandy Owens. Hopefully, email notifications will be sent internally to all owners and renters by the general managers in these high rises. The Spring Garden Civic Association, The Fairmount Civic Association and Logan Square Neighborhood Association will notify all their members with emails of flyer given by S. Owens. Grace Hanrahan notified all nearby residents of 20th Street. Finally, Sandy Owens thumb tacked a flyer in Valerie Rushmere's Yoga Studio, 18th and Brandywine Streets.

I.D. Tags on Trees with Latin and vernacular names: Joan Markoe passed around a cell phone photo of attractive plant signage in Sister City Park.

Jan Roberts reimbursed \$218.00 for doggie bag dispenser. It has been installed at the southwest corner by Parks and Recreation. This stand is in such good taste that it is almost invisible.

To be fixed: migrating plants, specifically Lamb's Ear and False Indigo, have jumped their borders and formed colonies in adjoining terraces. Next clean-up, members need to root out the unwanted ones. Water puddles form in newly seeded grass area next to NorthXNorthwest town houses. NorthXNorthWest to be informed of this mosquito breeding situation. Parks and Recreation have been notified by Jim Fennell of the unsightly path left by PECO's dig from new lamp post to underground electric outlet.

Rich reported to Jim Fennell that construction work has come to halt at the demolished Childrens' Crisis Center site at 1823 Callowhill Street. Before proceeding with his new 4- story apartment building, the developer is negotiating with the City on the widening of Shamokin Street.

No stop sign nor cross walk installed at 19th and Hamilton Streets across to Matthias Baldwin Park. It is suggested that Bob Sutton, Ward Leader, button hole City Council President Darryl Clark at the LSNA June general meeting at the Barnes Museum about this delay. Joan Possiel has the number given to our petition for handicapped crossing.

Discussed paying for a Matthias Baldwin website. We have funds. People will look around for possible website designer. Who would maintain once we have the website? Baldwin should be linked to LSNA's website and vice versa.

What is the status of the old historical granary owned by Pearl Property?

Treasurer's report: \$6,652.44. Since our renewal date for membership is Arbor Day in April we have received 14 renewals and 1 new member.

Submitted by Sandra Owens, written in absence of Grace Hanrahan, Recording Secretary