

The September meeting of **Friends of Mathias Baldwin Park** was held at Tivoli on Thursday 9/6/12 at 7 PM. (There was no August meeting.)

Present: Grace H, Joan A, Joan P, Seamus K, Stan O, and Jim F

Agenda:

- Re park signs: no pricing information received from Parks and Recreation staff
- Update on 501-C3 application. Paul reported by email that the government has approved our application to be a public charity. When he returns from vacation we will get more information and Jim R will be able confirm renaming of our checking account
- General discussion for future action:
 - We will need to set up a verification of charitable giving for IRS purposes to send to donors.
 - Updating our brochure will be helpful in fundraising along with development of a web site (anyone know of a volunteer who can help?) If we need the assistance of a professional web designer this would be a good use of some of the \$2,000 held for us by LSNA
 - Seamus would like to consider applying for grants now that we have nonprofit status and is looking for people to assist him.
 - Benches, we need to review options, is it less costly to rebuild the current ones that go well with the rustic design of Connections, or replace them with the standard model now used by Parks and Recreation?
 - Seamus and Jim may try to meet with Parks and Recreation to thank them for years of support in tight budget times and to review possible repair schedule for the 2 lights that are still not repaired and any information available about wall restoration.

Membership dues should now be tax deductible.

Seamus pointed out that our Friends of the Park group has now completed 5 years of exhistance.

The next park cleanup is scheduled for Saturday September 22 at 10 AM.

Next FOBP meeting is **Thursday 10/4/12 at 7 PM** at Tivoli

Submitted by Jim Fennell 9/10/12