

Friends of Baldwin  
November 2014 Meet

Present: Joe Walsh, Mel Seligsohn, Frank, Mary, Stan Ordo, Phil [Micha], Jim Fennell, Grace Hanrahan, Joan Applegate, Seamus Kearney

Financial Report

There was no report given so our bank balance still stands at \$2642

Love Your Park

We agreed to participate in the Fairmount Conservancy and Parks & Rec's Love Your Park Service Day on Saturday, November 15

Suggested services for our park:

- Platform clean
- Rocks replaced
- Buy coffee [Dunkin' Donuts]

Signs for trees

The subject of spending money [see above] opened a discussion on labels for our trees. Stan has done some research and there is a PowerPoint record of the trees in the park. We need to decide on what kind of labels and how to affix.

Project H.O.M.E. & Homeless

We should be aware of Project H.O.M.E., knowing what they know of a population who will be using our park soon, since the hotel in the former court house will begin work in January. Query: Do they work with city, have a contract? One member felt we should be more assertive with asking for help from the police.

We should consider a visit to the 9<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Joan Posseil knows of police reporting schedule.

Dog Situation in Park

A discussion on the bare spots caused by dog pee resulted in a sensible suggestion. Stan said that the dogfolk who use the park are good about picking up poop but that pee & running will destroy grass. He suggested that we should observe when spots are getting damaged then rope or tape off

those sections and post signs to warn off. Another material to use could be snowfencing. We should also activate [or ask for] sprinklers to flush the pee from the surface. We all agreed that a dog park in the fenced area by the train cut is not feasible.

We agreed to take no action until the Museum Towers 2 is finished.

RATS: there are rat baits in place. City called Stan for feedback; he noticed improvement because he has not seen them lately and he uses the park a lot.

NOTE: Groundhog will now be called MATTY to honor Matthias Baldwin

#### HOLIDAY

Lights for Holiday: Stan and Grace will hang them after Thanksgiving  
Should we schedule a Friends of...Holiday Party?

#### Minutes

We approved minutes of October

Next Clean-up: November 15, Love Your Park Service Day