Minutes for Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park meeting of 9/1/16 at Tivoli Community Room 7 PM.

Attendees: Jim Fennell, Stan Ordo, Sandy Owens, Jan Roberts, Beth Shay, Bob Strunk and Joe Walsh.

Jim Fennell conducted the meeting.

July meeting minutes were approved.

Sandy Owens reported that the current balance was \$6,276 which included a \$25 check received in August.

The stop sign petition and curb cut application package will be submitted to our ward leader, Bob Sutton. If and when it is endorsed by Darrell Clarke's office, it goes on to the Streets Department.

The next meetings are Thursday 10/6/16 and 11/3/16. Clean-ups are scheduled for Saturday 9/17, 10/15 and 11/12 (Love Your Park Day)

It was decided to drop the project to stain the park benches. Stan Ordo reported that conversation with a person familiar with staining said the task will be difficult due to: the 1+ year exposure of the wood to the elements; extensive sanding of the wood to remove the weathered patina; multiple coats of stain followed by coats of sealer; and, the need in a few years to re-treat the wood. It was recommended, instead, to periodically wash the wood surfaces.

## Neighborhood News:

- The demolition of the Children's Center has been restarted.
- Whole Foods construction is moving at a good pace, with opening planned for mid-October 2016.
- Periodically, a tent has been pitched in MBP by a homeless person. It was decided that anyone
  who sees the tent (or other overnight sleeping infractions) should call the police.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Submitted by Stan Ordo.