

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Virtual Meeting Minutes: 11/4/2021 (7 – 7:40 PM) via Zoom Session

Attendees (17): Joe Walsh, Jim Fennell, Sandra Owens, Bob Strunk, Peg Szczurek, Marion Parkinson, Nancy Van Arkel, Sandie Farrell, Joan Markoe, Suzanne Cross, Jan Roberts, Ed Boehner, Seamus Kearney, Mel Seligsohn, Jackie Wolf, Stan Ordo, and Grace Hanrahan. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the September and October meetings were approved.

“Love Your Park”: Baldwin Park will celebrate “Love Your Park Week” on Saturday, November 13th at 10 AM with a park clean-up. Stan Ordo volunteered to pick up supplies from Parks & Recreation. Several volunteers have signed up by using the app, Give Pulse, which Parks & Recreation is using to register volunteers.

Treasurer’s Report: Joan Markoe reported the following information:

PNC Bank Statement for Period Ending October 29, 2021

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| Beginning Balance | \$30,732.01 | |
| Deposits | \$ 106.53 | (All deposits are from dues.) |
| Deductions | \$ 0.00 | |
| Ending Balance | \$30,838.54 | |

Membership Report

As of November 3, 2021, we have received the following for the 2021-2022 membership year.

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| Total Members | 193 | |
| Renewals | 96 | |
| New Members | 97 | (Six additional new members joined since September.) |
| Dues Collected | \$13,280.00 | |

Howl-O-Ween Dog Parade: Grace Hanrahan and Jan Roberts reported a successful event with at least 100 dogs with their owners and family and friends showing up for the parade on Saturday, 10/30, from 11 AM – Noon. Jan suggested that next year we may want to offer wrapped candy to people, in addition to the treats for the dogs. Also, we may need an additional registration table on the 18th Street entrance. It was suggested that signs be posted at the Winter Street and Green Street dog parks, as well as the Doggie Day Care on 20th Street.

Story Walk: In connection with the dog parade, Peg Szczurek and Marion Parkinson set up the story book walk for May I Pet Your Dog? From Friday 10/29 through Sunday 10/31 from 10 AM – 3 PM. It was especially popular on Saturday during the dog parade. Next year, they may consider holding it for two weekends.

19th Street Tree: Joe Walsh announced that November 20th is the scheduled date for the tree planting. The Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park is funding the cost of the tree. The funding for cutting the sidewalk for the tree pit was provided by the Philadelphia Horticultural Society. Logan Square Tree Tenders will plant the tree.

Watermark Neighborhood Lecture: Joe Walsh announced the topic will be horses and their history in the Baldwin Park Neighborhood. The lecture will take place via zoom, but the date and time has yet to be determined.

Website News: This is the 50th history article on our website! Check out the latest history article on our website on the history behind the site of the new “2100 Hamilton” condominium building which is under construction:

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/2100-hamilton>

Calendar of Events:

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| “Love Your Park” Clean-up | Saturday 11/13/2021 | 10 AM | Monthly Park clean-up |
| December Monthly Meeting | Thursday 12/2/2021 | 7 PM | Meeting via Zoom |
| December Monthly Clean-up | Saturday 12/11/2021 | 10 AM | Monthly Park clean-up |
| Watermark Zoom Talk | Date to be determined | TBD | Horses in neighborhood |

Neighborhood News: Jim Fennell reported that DGX, which will be an upscale Dollar General Store selling beer and food, is preparing to open soon on the 1900 block of Callowhill Street. The construction of the Baldwin on the 1800 block of Callowhill Street, has been delayed because of steel supply problems.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.