

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Incorporated
Conflict of Interest Policy
Adopted by its Members
01 March 2012

Passed unanimously

The purpose of this conflict of interest policy is to protect the **Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Incorporated's ("FOBP")** interests when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of FOBP or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article I - Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect FOBP's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of FOBP or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II - Definitions

1. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which FOBP has a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with FOBP or with any entity or individual with which FOBP has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which FOBP is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.

Article III - Procedures

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee

members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists. A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

- a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether FOBP can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in FOBP's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

- a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

Article IV - Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V – Compensation

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from FOBP for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from FOBP for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from FOBP, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI - Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms that each such persons: (1) has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy; (2) has read and understands the policy; (3) has agreed to comply with the policy; and, (4) understands FOBP is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII - Periodic Reviews

To ensure FOBP operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

- a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.
- b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to FOBP's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII - Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

I certify that this Conflicts of Interest policy was adopted by a unanimous vote of the members of Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Incorporated at its meeting held on March 1, 2012. Signed by its Secretary on March 1, 2012.

Paul Shay, Secretary

FRIENDS OF BALDWIN PARK MARCH, 2012 Minutes

Present:

Mel Seligsohn, Lou Ferrero, Beth & Paul Shay, Grace & Stan Hanrahan, Frank Feingold & Seamus Kearney

Museum Tower News

Mel reported on a Museum Towers project meeting held at the Tivoli last week. He said the Forest City group's current plan features a continuous wall, 6' tall, from 19th to 18th Sts constructed on their south boundary [the park's north boundary]. It would not be inviting for park users and Mel suggested we talk to them at their next meeting to discuss alternatives. Jovida will be asked to broaden her alerting audience to allow for more of us to know of that meeting.

Barnes Info

Mel also reported that most of the parking spaces in the near-completed museum would be allotted to Barnes staff & "big wigs"—very few, if any, for the public.

501 c 3 progress

Paul gave an update on the progress of our 501 c 3 application. He has registered us with PA as Matthias Baldwin Park, Inc. with an alias of The Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park. We agreed on a Conflict of Interest Policy [unanimous] & will look for a Mission Statement [our brochure?]. Paul said the IRS application will cost \$400 and that the PA application cost \$125 [Paul paid it, we will recompense]. We will check with Jim if we can meet this total [\$575] or raise it from members. Paul collected needed signatures [Paul, Seamus] and will get two others: Jim Ruddick & Joan Applegate to close the loop on the PA process and to continue the paperwork for the IRS application. He hopes to complete the filing of the IRS application by April and, if there is no pushback from IRS, it is possible we could have 501 c 3 status later this year.

Benefits of having 501 c 3 status would include better chances to fundraise and to create partnerships with area businesses and institutions.

FRIENDS of FRANKLINTOWN PARK
JUNE, 2010 MEET

Dorothy Gray, Jim Fennell, Sandra Owens, Grace Hanrahan, Paul & Beth Shay, Mel Seligsohn, Joan Applegate, Seamus Kearney

JOSEPH'S GRANT: We had decided to spend the money on getting tree identification signs as well as butt cylinders in line with Athena's concerns. Stan, however, reports that his exploration of tree ID cost finds that they are expensive. Seamus will contact Mark Focht for permission to post the signs and also to ask for the resources that FPC uses to ID trees.

He will also contact Jim Mako with a CC to Focht and Craighead querying:

- 1.what plans are there for the beds that are bare
- 2.when will the wall repair/mortar work re-commence

PICNIC: We should send thank you notes to Fedders and Kite & key

NAME CHANGE: Discussion centered why the need for the change. Mostly, it came down to:

- 1.Franklinton is a failed urban renewal project from the 1970's
 - 2.Ben Franklin is recognized all over Philly; don't need another
 - 3.Matthias Baldwin's company is giant of 19th century industrialism
 - 4.He doesn't get enough recognition; have park in his name
- We agreed to have Mel craft a petition for the name change to be presented to Darryl Clark. We agree to assist him in handing it out.

Friends of Franklinton Park

April 8, 2010

Signs up
mid May

We provide
lemonade

Kate: cooler.

Signs

Picnic in the Park,

5/22 Noon - 3pm

- food
- beverages
- PNC
- Hayden Mitman

- Paul (Bew-Drank + King +
- Sandra (PNC)
- me (Sabrina + Dana) (Museum Market)
- (Kate + Kay)

Concerns of the Dog Owners

Trace: email from dog owner
 • misinformed re bulbs + intent
 dogs leashes police

Note to Fairmoor
Park

re: staining

re: who authorized
bulbs

Who Planted

STAINING

MAY 15 7AM

Inform Fairmoor
Park

Approval
coffee

Cigarette butts

Begin process to get more

Fair

Phoebe

Atlanta

Itemized Categories
1/1/2009 Through 12/31/2009

1/4/2010

Date	Account	Num	Description	Memo	Clr	Amount
<i>01/01/09 Balance</i>						\$ 480.00
INCOME						
2009 Donation						
11/23/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	PNC Bank		50.00
TOTAL 2009 Donation						50.00
2009 Dues						
3/9/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Hanrahan		25.00
4/16/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Seligsohn		25.00
6/6/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Feingold		25.00
10/5/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Anton		25.00
TOTAL 2009 Dues						100.00
2010 Dues						
10/19/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Swartz		25.00
10/22/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Ruddick		25.00
10/22/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Possiel		25.00
11/12/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Fennell		25.00
11/23/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Hanrahan		25.00
12/7/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Gray		25.00
12/18/2009	Friends of ...	DEP	DEPOSIT	Feingold		25.00
TOTAL 2010 Dues						175.00
TOTAL INCOME						325.00
EXPENSES						
Entertainment						
10/17/2009	Friends of ...	1002	Bill Dooley	Music for D...		-50.00
TOTAL Entertainment						-50.00
Marketing						
Brochures						
5/25/2009	Friends of ...	1001	Seamus K...	FFTP Broc...		-197.95
TOTAL Brochures						-197.95
TOTAL Marketing						-197.95
TOTAL EXPENSES						-247.95
OVERALL TOTAL						77.05
<i>12/31/09 Balance</i>						\$ 557.05

Franklinton Park
27 benches

Friends of Franklinton Park Agenda, November, 2009 Meeting

Power
wash
benches?

From Dorothy and Sandra *Barker* *black - \$2500*
Schuykill River Park only at Delaware + Schuykill
Benches *Dumar; \$1500 inc. trans + sales tax*
Schuykill River Park: wood bench, wide board
(black) Derek
Cultural programs for Summer In the Park.

Approximate news about cultural events
Level 1: *rent (food day + rec. deposit 250 day) 50-150*
no corp. sponsor, sound, stage people

Ash Receptacles

wash w/ Rhodie + Jermound Park

Growing the Membership

Sandy's membership form: check email.

4/30 2010 → 4/30 2011

LSMA website:

Jim Ruddle has new names

Cleanups

Franklin Beverage ?

FRIENDS of FRANKLINTOWN PARK
SUGGESTED AGENDA
OCTOBER 1, 2009



Thanks to Sandra

Working with the FPC

- ~~set~~ letter of clarification
- RDA + FPC
- sewer

Butts

cull + remove excess
grass damage: evaluate
their use
contact: + do walk through

Planning of future events

- Orange
- Picnic
- arts in Park

Growing our finances

Dorothy + Sandra work w/ Babette Joseph

- decide on dues date; Sandie will look at list
- December 1 due date; record-keeping Hours

6/25

Partnering with neighbors

- Watermark KXW
- Hallahan
- PNC

Jim Reddick email
11/1 - 11/15

Clean-ups

- 10/24
- 11/1

Fall Park Partners Meeting [October 20]

Benches:
• down Athens
need to approve
• new style benches
on Schuylkill River Park

Mark Flood
website for
LSNA

FRIENDS OF FRANKLINTOWN PARK AGENDA, JUNE, 2009

Report on Picnic { badminton net/volleyball games
music: bill dooley

9/26
at 2pm

Marker Planning

Philly Culman
Institute
Penn R.R. Hist Soc.

larger marker +450 from LSNA
music? Dooley
certain things PA require

Summer Cleanups

Brian
for Baldwin
employees

June 27^{10a} July 25¹⁰ August 22¹⁰ Sept 25^{10a}

Reports on Member's Interests

Tree ID

stan has interactive plan
put markers on them

~~Baldwin Marker Dedication~~

Trees on Callowhill St.

allocate trees on this st.
Franklin Tardor
mel will start it

Mel's Exciting Announcement

but receptive
survey; educate
Keep America Beautiful

Sandy's Proposal from Fringe Festival

• Couple wants to do a play

• summer festival

2010

September early

- music
- dance
- puppet shows
- at 15th St. side
- portable stage

June 3, 09

Report to FFP on conversation with.....Athena

I spoke with a very pleasant Ms. Tachas this afternoon. She is delighted that we are taking an interest in the park. She's very active and is currently working on a major installation in Washington, DC where she lives. Basically, she was never happy with how the RA handled the commission. The funding was cut in half and the plantings were not done to her design.

She hasn't been here in years but is aware that Franklinton was abandoned in the mid 90's. She said the park was meant to be a secluded place in a densely developed area. She understands the problems of urban spaces and suggested we plan more activities to have it used more. She said that originally she planned a platform stage at the sw corner of the park in the large circle but the money wasn't there for it.

Her current project is keeping her very busy at the moment but she said we should keep in touch with her. I told her the park here looked wonderful.

I mentioned the historic marker. She didn't know anything about Baldwin but was quite interested. She asked that we send her a photo of the marker and where it will be placed. I doubt she will object. But if she does it's better that we know now.

If you google her name, you'll understand how prominent she is. We are very fortunate to have her work in our park. She wants to have a productive relationship with us.

Mel

m.sejda@gmail.com

Kenos Jim & Sandra
brochure

FRIENDS OF FRANKLINTOWN PARK AGENDA, APRIL, 2009

Bill Dooly:

Picnic in the Park 5/30

workplan

check on p goods; program + vendors
more sign-up sheets; need chairs from Tivoli
+ tables

Frank campaign
signs

Paul: flyer: May 24 -
Fairmount Park Day 5/16

Stan + Grace flyer + dist.

Sandra
table

PNC bank

• rules + adv. cd

Member's Reports of Interest

Comm
Service
idea from
Frank over - a vic
family court

Yahoo Group "Connections": >

Getting the word out

{ get letters
for
KYW, CCP
more }

Historic Marker

need hand-held GPS to mark location
Rich Martinez in Traffic Dept

OKed
{ determine
location
Sol. aft.

LSMA grant cover
some State re-imburs. is possible
Sandra + Bill + Paul 2pm to site
Sept 19 Posh
28 gom

Tree ID

Grace + Stan will have

Arts in Park 2-3-5 pm
Culinary Inst. of Phil

Clean-ups 4/25, 5/16

PHC
CCP
KYW
Nutter
Clark

check out
history of
Baldwin

model NR
Soc of Ind. Archaeology

• descendants of Baldwin workers
• " family

March, 2009 Minutes
Friends of Franklinton Park

Brochure: Jim and Sandra presented a draft of a brochure. It looked GREAT! and their work was lauded. It did not need many improvements but one suggestion was to have a map of the park's location. Jim also created a flyer for meeting announcements.

Yahoo Group "Connections": Seamus provided details on the Connections group at Yahoo. It can be used to provide info and to allow across the board communication to members who subscribe. He will begin process of including member's subscriptions to the group.

Tree ID: this project is on track. Grace and Stan have photographed every tree and have created a photo book and a CD with all photos in them. Seamus is creating an Excel spreadsheet for the trees & their care and upkeep. Jim Mako provided a plot plan that names the trees. This info will allow us and Grace and Stan to confirm the ID of every tree in the park.

Getting the Word Out: The brochure and flyer for meetings will help us with informing the public, FPC and any organization that has interest in our mission with the park. Another effort will be outreach to area institutions among them: Day & Zimmerman, Community College & KYW. We'll ask them for an evaluation of the walls, volunteers and publicity, respectively.

Historic Marker: Sandra said the state historical commission will make a decision to go ahead with the Baldwin historic marker at the end of March. She warned that the process is competitive and might not happen this year. The funding is still there with the grant from LSNA.

Spring Picnic in the Park: We are still proceeding to have this event on May 30 from Noon to 3pm. We'll precede the event with a cleanup at 10am. Sandra will ask PNC to help again. Mel and Seamus will ask area food establishments for contributions. Beth and Paul will provide another banner for the advertisement. We will also create a flyer for distribution.

Fairmount Park Day: May 16 we'll have a gigantic cleanup of the Park. Seamus will send in an application for it. We'll ask for volunteers from PhillyCares and equipment from FPC.

Finances: We will ask Fairmount Parks Conservancy to be our fiscal conduit for any monies that we get for fixing up the park [benches, wall restoration, walkways, lights]. Seamus will begin that process.

Art in the Park: this will be a Fall event and we need to get moving on it. We need to set a date and get support for it. Seamus will contact Moore and CCP Art Department [Valerie used to teach there]. A letter of invitation will be sent to Athena.

Actions:

Beth will ask Jim Mako who is the restorer of the walls, contact and get an evaluation of the cost of restoration

Mel & Seamus will ask food establishments about Picnic in the Park

Frank will be asked to get musicians for Picnic

Sandra will ask PNC for help w/Picnic

Seamus will contact Fairmount Parks Conservancy, Day & Zimmerman, CCP Art, Moore, get names into "Connections", write letter to Athena

Beth & Paul will provide banner for Picnic

Jim and Sandra will revise brochure and more flyer announcements.

FRIENDS of FRANKLINTOWN PARK
Report on February Meeting, 2009

Members agreed to hold our annual Picnic in the Park on Saturday May 30 from Noon to 3pm. Beth will set-up our sign well before the happening and we will publicize through a variety of media.

We set Cleanup dates for March [21], April [25] and May [23] all of which to start at 11am.

Treasurer's report revealed that we have \$480 in our PNC account. Dues are \$25.00 a year. To renew or join write checks c/o Friends of Franklinton Park and send to PNC at 2001 Hamilton Street, 19130.

We want to begin to identify the trees in our park. Some work has already begun with Grace and Stan photographing all the trees. Seamus will contact Jim Mako to get the park's schematic of the original plantings. Seamus and Grace will combine the schematic and Grace's photos to start the project. Seamus will contact Friends Select School to ask students to help with identification.

A discussion to explore ways to increase membership was wide-ranging and decisive. We will make our efforts more public:

- * Beth will create a sign to hang a week before cleanup dates to alert the public
- * Seamus will contact Home News to publicize each meeting of the Friends
- * We will ask PNC to include us when they do booth work in season
- * A recruitment flyer will be created with the idea to expand into a brochure
- * Tivoli's internal communication, Yahoo Groups and leafleting of Museum Towers will be explored

One exciting idea resonated with members: Since the park already is a work of art, we will schedule an Art in the Park show for September of 2009. We will contact Moore College, University of the Arts and CCCP's Art Department for inclusion. We will ask PNC to sponsor.

Friends mentioned that damage occurred to the park in January: a tree and a bench were destroyed either by vandals or by a car accident. Mel will contact FPC

to report the damage and have tree removed [Mel will also approach FPC about attaching butt cans to benches].

NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, MARCH 5 AT 7PM AT THE TIVOLI.

FRIENDS OF FRANKLINTOWN PARK

AGENDA FOR MEETING APRIL 3, 2003, 7:45 PM

Introduction of members, new members, observations from floor (10 minutes)

Actions to discuss:

1. Tour of park and resulting action plan to be presented at meeting with FPC. What are our priorities, wish list. Do we form a horticultural task force? Choice of 4 members to meet with Park Commission.
2. Picnic in the Park idea.
3. Historical marker status; Name change. We will need a petition for City Council.
4. Report from Maintenance and clean up group (next clean up?)
5. Status of effort for more street trees around park and on Callowhill St.
6. Consideration of Dog Park.
7. Sandy's mission statement

Meeting to be concluded at 9:00. Next meeting May 8. 7:45 pm; Tivoli

Thank you for your interest and for attending.

Bill Martin
425 N 20th St
19130

Friends of Franklinton Park March, 2008 Meeting

Committee Meetings

Clean-up Day, March 15

Planting Day
↓
May 10 Clean-up + on May 16

Planting Day

Tree Identification Report

Fairmount Park Partnership Agreements

Fairmount Park Day, May 17

Picnic in Park

Fairmount Park Meeting, April 9

9am

* Jovida: Committee person

* Keep off signs

* Picnic in Park
• put on posts

* Rob Stewart on
demographics

* ask to post on
their website

* Lauren: check out Whole
Foods

\$20

Income

Ideas:

Buy a plant

Deer

send message

blind CC

Bill Jim
Stan Larsen
Sandra SK
Beth Joanne
Paul
Frank

FRIENDS of FRANKLINTOWN PARK
Meeting Agenda
February 7, 2008

Rob Stuart—Logan Square Neighborhood Association

Reports of Tasks/Committees
Cleanup Committee Lights
 Marker
 Community Comm Survey
 Cleanup Com -- 3/15

Schedule Committee Meetings

Park Commission Meeting
Report on Partnerships/FPC

Preparations for FFP meeting 2/7

LSNA - Stuart *President, Logan Square Neighborhood Assoc.*

Tree tenders [via Grace Hanrahan, FFP, and Mindy Maslin, PA Hort. Society]

3 or more people to take the free Tree Tenders Training: three 3-hour sessions at the PA Horticultural Society at 20th and Arch Street on May 7, 14 and 21 and again on October 15, 22, and 29.

1) If 3 or more people from the Friends of Franklinton Park attend the Tree Tenders Training, we will be considered a group. Groups get tools at the end of the training and are eligible for trees through the Horticultural Society's group buys. Attached is the brochure.

2) Also, through Mindy, I was contacted by email by Natalie Mayer, the Biology teacher at Friends Select, who may be interested in having her class work with the group to help identify the trees in the park. Her class had started a project in the Fall identifying trees near the school. That project was put on hold until Spring, but this may be a better project for her students to work with a group

FPC Partnership Guidelines *Jan. 9 meeting of Partners*

- *plan and implement minimum of 2 community workdays each year
- *apply for a permit [Stewardship Office] 4 weeks in advance for all workdays and projects
- *meet with FPC periodically: programs, maintenance issues & future plans

*Meeting Space
Twoli*

*Jim Sandy Bill Sandy
Mel & me*

*Process
Observer
what about
ideas
dues*

Clean Up Comm

1/28/08

Nest cleaning

Observations

Planned events

Input from other happenings:
Mellor FPC: need input

Plantings

Rob Stewart speak

Observations

- tall rocks > older students
- bike messengers hang out
- need signs on walls (ask FPC)
- stone wall: FPC for maintenance plan

3 yr 5 yr 10 yr

- plantings: coordinate w FPC a seasonal planting
lamb's fur? *find plot/planting plan + coordinate
trees

- apples on grass: need to clean
- trees: label them
- lead tour

- trash basket near fence/parking lot ~ on 18th/19th str
- cigarette butt holders
- pit holes on pathways

Penn
State
Soc.

Hoace
knows tree
specialist

Steering meet FFP

1/16/2008

publicize
clean-up

- FPC meet: Tom Dougherty
- lenix w LSNA
- fundraising
- next meeting agenda
- membership

- ideas on communication
 - flyers
 - notices in papers
 - blogs
 - email: web pages
 - ↓
 - LSNA
 - KYW-TV

Agenda

- Mashev
 - let tour guy create working
- FPC meeting
 - invite others
 - let folks know of steering comm.

I will run meetings for their structure setting

- Organization structure
 - ask for leadership help
 - committee work: create schedule of meetings
 - create a mission outlook
 - LSNA:
 - Rob Stewart to speak to us

FFP
Meeting 1/3/2008

Baldwin (Scott Donohue)

died in 1865

heyday of loco co was after he died
Post WWII, city tore down bldg
? can we get the statue moved from CH

Rename Park? nearly unanimous

Cleanup Comm.

Monthly cleanup in January 19 at 11 w 26th or backups

Beautification Comm of LSMA

• get plantings + statuary

cleanup
L+I to
cite on
litter at
area between
Callowhill
& Park

Pedestrian lighting ~~is~~: probably need to get w/ Darrell Clarke

* Get info on strip: Townmount Park Comm.

Fundraising:

- org. structure w/ accountability
- use LSMA as fiscal conduit (\$1300 for marker)
- ask companies + org in area for donations
- "sewer fund" for clean-up

Planning Committee

12/20/07

On Dog Run:

Jan

- avoid runs seem more effective
- fee
- need interest group to help form need

On Land Strip

- Summary { S: call Tom Dougherty + Susan Davis
- find out ^{how to get it} ~~Lauren~~
 - safety of supports

Cori
Park

Omnic
Boylan
VP LSNA
Margaret
Senfer

Membership:

- get list of neighborhood assoc's
- flyers should be attractive (Lauren)

Park name change

- in political process
- need to go to Maunick or Darrel Clarke

Marker

- application
- set goal of getting marker ^{application} in by January 2009

Money issues

- should we set up fee structure
- use LSNA as a conduit
 - needs LSNA approval
- Fairmount CDC
 - ~~structure~~
- how is FTP money
- are they able to disclose some records (Lauren)

Committees

· Community Comm Survey.

Clean-up Committee
12/17/2007

Mary, Seamus, Frank, Mel

Clean-up

- schedule monthly
- work w/ Tom Dougherty

auxiliary

- dues

December 16, 2007

Susan Davis, Director
Public Art Program
Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority
1234 Market Street, 16th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Ms. Davis,

The Friends of Franklinton Park [FFP] organized on November and founded four committees [Planning, Clean-up, Community and Financial] to help decide the Friends' future courses of action. We are writing to you as members of the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee is empowered to explore what FFP can do to enhance the appeal of the park to its users.

At a Planning Committee meeting on November we decided that it would be in the best interests of the Friends to inform Athena Tacha, creator of Connections, of our interest in Franklinton Park. And, following up a conversation with you in October, our committee is giving you a list of "concrete" suggestions regarding improvements to the park. May you use this list as a means of beginning a conversation with Athena Tacha. We would like her to understand that our wish is to preserve and restore the beauty of Connections and to make it a worthy park in the Fairmount Park Commission's stewardship of Philadelphia's parks.

The Friends of Franklinton Park would like to upgrade the park and bring it back to its former beauty. We hereby present to you our "concrete" suggestions to make it more usable for users of the park. We would like:

- *more pedestrian-type lights along walkways moving away from the central garden of Connections
- *the surrounding walls of the garden area be repaired, rebuilt and properly maintained
- *to have an upgrade of the plants & trees and to ensure that they are properly maintained
- *to upgrade the existing benches by restoring the wood and removing graffiti
- *to add additional benches, but not in the central design garden area by creating a semi-circle or circle of benches on the 18th & 19th sts. lawn/sidewalks
- *an addition of pedestrian-style lighting along both 18th & 19th sts. sidewalks
- *the creation of a 3-6 foot paved walkway on the southern perimeter of the park to facilitate foot/bike traffic between the two streets and open up the narrow vacant area between the park and the railroad cut for a variety of community uses.

We understand there is a concern for cost and time for these improvements and wish to convey that the Friends will explore means to partner with the Fairmount Park Commission and to raise funds to realize our goals.

Please convey to Athena Tacha our desire to partner with her and to make this park beautiful again. We would like to get feedback from her as soon as possible so we can continue with our efforts in rejuvenating Franklinton Park. Please understand that if we do not hear from you we will explore ways to contact the artist herself, we feel she has a right to know of our desire to help her creation.

We hope that our efforts and resolve to work with you and the Fairmount Park Commission bear the good fruit that all community improvement efforts should.

May there be peace in your life,

Mel Seligsohn
Seamus Kearney,
Planning Committee
Friends of Franklinton Park

c.c.: Tom Dougherty
Fairmount Park Commission

Summary of FFP Planning Meet

We met and decided to focus on two components within the park area:

- *the current park and work of art [known as Connections] and
- *the strip of land along the RR cut from 18th to 19th streets

There were other aspects considered as well:

- *getting historical markers for the area around the park
- *get the city to install pedestrian-type lights along 18th & 19th sts

"Connections"

We would send a letter to Susan Davids to share with Athena Tachsa that the Friends of Franklinton Park would like to upgrade the park and bring it back to its former beauty. We would also present our "concrete" suggestions to make it more usable for users of the park. We would like:

- *more pedestrian-type lights along walkways
- *get the walls repaired
- *upgrade plants & trees
- *upgrade existing benches
- *add additional benches, but not in the design area
- *create a semi-circle or circle of benches on the 18th & 19th Sts sides

The letter will be drafted by Mel & Seamus and given to the committee for input.

Land strip

We will begin the process of getting that strip become part of the park but not part of the art project. Some suggested ideas:

- *create a dog run
- *create a community garden
- *create a socializing circle
- *create a play area

Three members volunteered to perform some tasks and report back:

- *Lauren will search the internet for dog run info & determine city regulations on dog runs
- *Mark will get info on how to get lights along 18th & 19th sts
- *Sandra will contact the State Historical Society for marker info

Seamus

12/6/07

Planning Comm.

Hill Marker

- City marker 27" x 41" + 40 words
- apply 1/5 - received by panel Feb decisions announce April
- approval:
 - costs 1300 (1/2 remembered)
 - celebration
 - Phila Hill Comm responsible for upkeep

FFP

provide documentation

person favored over bldg or event
text written by us + Hill Comm
need bank account

Money issue
• work on

(Sandra: park named after Baldwin?)

Logan Squ
Neigh Assoc

Name change - motion OK
Join

Street lights

Joseph Doyle:

- FPC needs in
- Planning Comm needs OK
- priority request for ~~FFP~~ Franklin Town Park

letter to

Spring Marker
Civic Assoc

Community Comm

- met 11/20
- draw up survey
- create user groups
- ? on homeless (bill)
 - write to agencies?
 - some vets from Iraq + Afghan
 - what is future population of area
 - high rise?
- made
 - survey →

Homeless Lane

Strip of Land

- how to get it
- how to use it

more than 1 use - dog run < could be coddy. incursion into Connections
garden → 6 adult recreation area
playground
playground 6
social area 10

- Planning Comm → check out land strip
- art artist

Railroad cut built as a canal; private

How to get the land: FPC; Dept of Public Properties

~~Dog Park~~ Land Strip

· build consensus

· use it as establishing an impromptu

Letter to Davids

cc Tom Dougherty

.. Michael Nutter

Meeting

Reports of Committees

feedback

Strip of Land

"CONNECTIONS" - THE FRANKLIN TOWN PARK

ARTIST'S STATEMENT

Commissioned and conceived in 1981, this is perhaps the first park designed as an environmental sculpture, a two-acre sculpted landscape. I "modelled" the land through terraced gardens, while coloring and texturing it with plants, trees and rocks. Franklin Town Park is also a pilot project in other ways. Partly in the tradition of rock gardens, it brings to Philadelphia a unique experiment in exclusively perennial and low-maintenance "monoculture" plantings -- as close as possible to a self-sustaining park. While pursuing this artistic concept and its practical rendering, I tried to be sensitive to human and social factors: I aimed to serve and "connect" the various new neighborhoods that will surround the park, from low-middle-income retirees, to families with children, to people walking daily to work.

The design consists of a central group of curvilinear planted terraces, surrounded by paths with benches, and lawns with tree clusters. The terraced planters, rising at half- to two-foot intervals, reach a maximum height of seven feet from the south, forming a gently stepped irregular pyramidal mound. The curves of all the terraces converge into nine clusters of primeval vertical rocks, which function as nodes of energy for the rhythmic pulsation of the forms. (Indeed, visualizations of energy and subatomic particles gave me the initial sparks of inspiration for the design.) Views of Connections from above, from all the surrounding high-rise condominiums and office buildings, were especially taken into consideration. At ground level, the park, which can be entered from the four corners of the block, on 18th and 19th Streets, offers a visual terminus to Franklin Town Boulevard.

The retaining walls of the terraced gardens are built with large, roughly quarried pieces of Pennsylvania brown stone, meeting at (and encircling) the nine clusters of huge granite boulders. The planters will be covered by carpets of long-lived, blooming groundcovers that are mostly evergreen and easy to maintain in the city's polluted atmosphere. Clumps of yuccas and rows of seasonal lilies (at selected planter edges) will accent the otherwise unified fields of color and texture. I selected the plantings meticulously, in order to provide a variety of effects and colors during every season, even at wintertime. The park's fifty trees were also chosen and positioned to offer, in every area of the park, shade, evergreen foliage, handsome blooms in spring and summer, berries and colorful foliage in the fall, and a variety of size, shape and leaf texture.

I hope that the park will offer a quiet atmosphere for relaxing in nature, as well as for picnicking, jogging and children playing. More than that, I hope it will offer a magical and healing environment within the stressful fabric of the inner city.

Athena Tacha ©

June, 1992

FRANKLIN TOWN PARK: CONNECTIONS

- Designed by Athena Tacha, 1992

- Donated to the City of Philadelphia by Franklin Town Corporation

President and Chief Executive Officer & Director:
Chairman Board Of Directors:
Board of Directors:

John J. McShane
Richard Rodney
W. W. Keen Butcher
Daniel Neely
Madeleine Butcher
Michael Sklaroff

Chairperson of The Franklin Town Art Committee:
Counsel:

- City Counsel President:
Legislative Assistant:

John F. Street
Edna M. Erving

- Commissioned in Cooperation with the Redevelopment Authority of the
City of Philadelphia, One Percent Fine Arts Program

Chairman:
Executive Director:
Chairperson Art Committee:
Director:
Attorney:

Richard Baselone
Andrew Jenkins
Gilda Ellis
Mary A. Kilroy
Joyce Wilkinson

- **Project Management:** Gaudet Associates, Inc.

Senior Vice Presidents:

Senior Design Manager:
Project Manager:

Frank A. Cona, P.E.
James M. McIntosh
Robert W. Tuckey
Charles A. Mouzannar

- **Contractor:** Heyser Landscaping, Inc.

Chief Executive Officer:
President:
Estimator:
Secretary:
Project Supervisor:
Foreman:
Operators / Workmen:

William Heyser
John Heyser
Edward Rasbach
Nancy Miley
Lee Julius
George Scannapieco
Peter Peterdozzi
John Dehaven
Hector Hernandez
Luke McHale
Mike Priore
Chuck Szuchan

Providencio Bauza
Santos Rodriguez
Perry Ellison
Mike Eder
Glyn Granieri
Anthony Vitale

Stone Masons:

- **Plant Advisors:**

The Fairmount Park Commission - Executive Director: William Mifflin

Ed Thompson, Landscape Architect
Richard Simon, Horticulturist

Artist's Assistant:

Robert Weissbord