

December update for Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park

Draft of December meeting minutes for Thursday December 4th at 7PM

Present: Beth S, Joe W, Stan and Grace O, Mel S, Jim F

Agenda:

- Stan and Grace have installed most of the tree lights with a few more strands to go up after replacement batteries arrive
- There has been further cleanup by the contractors and the park appears prepped for winter
- Concern about what happens when the park in front of the former Family Court Building gets closed off for construction of Vine Street replacement bridges (this is part of the construction staging area) and when the space is actively managed by the new Kimpton hotel. Will the homeless feeding shift to Baldwin Park and what can we do to prevent this? No definite answers but we will need to connect with our political representatives and work with LSNA (which is working with the Parkway Council about homeless issues in the Logan Square area).
- Treasures report (late report) \$2.643 with last transaction in August.

Next meeting of FOMBP is Thursday January 8 at 7 PM

And December cleanup is scheduled for Saturday December 13 at 10 AM

The attached photo from yesterday shows that there is still some fall color left so enjoy it the dead of winter sets in.

Jim Fennell for Friends of Mathias Baldwin Park