

The regular monthly meeting was of Friends of Mathias Baldwin Park was held at Tivoli at 7 PM on 12/1/11

Five members attended: Stanley Ordo, Jim Riddick, Sandra Owens, Joan Applegate, and Jim Fennell

The December cleanup will be on Saturday December 17th at 11 AM

There is no scheduled next meeting re Museum Tower parking lot development, but Jim F was informed by Mark Focht of Parks and Recreation that the process is moving along and has better design of the building along 19th Street than we all say at the first community meeting. Mark informed the architects that they need to meet with our Friends group as they proceed with the design. He has recommended that they put a gate into the park from their open area to improve access. (This was one of our concerns as well since the more people using the park, the less crime and vandalism)

The group discussed our desire to get a crosswalk and stop sign installed at 19th and Hamilton since crossing will become even more difficult once the new traffic is added from the enlarged Museum Towers (300 new units plus and ability of current residents to go south for the first time.)

Dues status: reminder to all members to send in their checks if they have not paid for the current year.

New plantings in the park: Ice plants have been planted on the north central section where the white roses struggled to survive; on the south east section the dead brier like plants with berries have been replaced by new healthy ones. Joan observed worker in the park on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Next meeting: Thursday January 5 at 7 PM.

Jim Fennell

PS: Thank you to Paul and Beth who put out the holiday lights on the the 19th street tree on Saturday.