

**Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 12/5/2019 (7 – 7:25 PM) - Tivoli Community Room**

**Attendees (21):** Sandra Owens, Joan Markoe, Jan Roberts, Jim Fennell, Bob Strunk, Suzanne Cross, Joan Applegate, Frank Feingold, Stan Ordo, Grace Hanrahan, Joe Walsh, Mary Feingold, Marion Parkinson, Peg Szczurek, Eve Adler, Pam Parseghian, George Arpagian, Elizabeth Osbourne and Ron Wertheim. Special guests were Mural Artist Phillip Adams and Kathleen Grady. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 11/7/2019 meeting were approved.

**Calendar:**

January Meeting	Thursday 1/2/2020	7 PM
January Clean-up	Saturday 1/18/2020	10 AM

**Rat Problem:** Joe Walsh reported that only one dead rat was found recently in the park.

**Baldwin Locomotive Mural:** The Baldwin Locomotive Mural dedication ceremony was very well attended on Thursday 11/14/19. The artist, Phillip Adams, was present. Dennis Boylan of LSNA is discussing better lighting with the Mural Arts Program. Stan Ordo asked if an electrical control panel on the rail fencing is needed as it blocks the view. Joe Walsh said that it had been used during Tivoli construction and could be removed. Jim Fennell suggested that Tivoli residents bring it to their board's attention for removal.

**Trash Can Removal:** Parks & Recreation removed one trash can on the northwest side of the park because it was not secured. In the future, five more unsecured trash cans will be removed.

**Birthday Banner:** Sandy Owens hung the Mathias Baldwin Birthday Banner on the northwest corner of the park for the month of December. It will also be hung for future park special events.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan Markoe reported a total of \$15,665.43 in the account. The only expense totaled \$217.78 for doggie bags. This included an import tariff charge. As of the meeting, we had not received any money from the 2019 Parks on Tap.

**Neighborhood News:** 15th Street will be closed south of Spring Garden Street with cars being detoured to Callowhill Street. The city is removing homeless people who have been camping out in tents in the clover-leaf area between 15th & 16th Streets off Vine Street. The LSNA meeting on Tuesday 12/10/19 will include a discussion of the Cathedral's plans for two adjacent buildings.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

**Baldwin 2nd Annual Birthday Celebration:** Matthias Baldwin's birthday was celebrated after the meeting. Light refreshments were served. Mural Artist Phillip Adams and Kathleen Grady were special guests. Phillip Adams has worked in Public Art for 15 years and has worked on 20 – 30 murals, including some in Montreal.

Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.