

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 5/2/2019 (7 – 8:25 PM) - Tivoli Community Room

Attendees (18): Sandra Owens, Jackie Wolf, Jim Fennell, Joan Markoe, Suzanne Cross, Bob Strunk, Mary Feingold, Alice Fennell, Jan Roberts, Grace Hanrahan, Stan Ordo, Donna Antony, Peg Szczurek, Marion Parkinson, Hanna & Andrew Zaruski, Joan Applegate, and Joe Walsh. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 4/4/2019 meeting were approved.

Calendar:

Mural Arts Painting:	Saturday 6/1/2019 Noon – 3 PM (Details below)
Next Meeting:	Thursday 6/6/2019 at 7 PM
Next Cleanup:	Saturday 6/22/2019 at 10 AM
Parks on Tap:	Wednesday 6/26/2019 – Sunday 6/30/2019

Treasurer's Report: Joan Markoe reported the current treasury total is \$16,551.86. There were no payouts for expenses. Membership dues added \$1,513.20 to the treasury. Since the membership drive started on 3/25/2019, we have 50 members of which 25 were new members. (Note: In 2018, we had 30 members.) Pay Pal was used by about 50% to pay their dues.

Membership Committee: Joan Markoe reported that the committee had been working hard to increase membership through outreach to local condominiums and apartment buildings. As part of the membership drive, the committee plans to set up a table in the park on Saturday May 11th (“Love Your Park Day”) and Saturday May 18th (“Scavenger Hunt Day”). Suzanne, Peggy & Marion showed a display of photos from the Baldwin Park website which will be used to publicize our activities. Joan Markoe suggested that in the future we may want to host a Member Appreciation Event, which might be combined with a celebration of Mattias Baldwin’s Birthday.

Pedestrian Crosswalk Status: Jim Fennell sent a reminder to Corey Bell, assistant to Darrell Clark, that we are still waiting for the removal of a parking space and painted striping at the corner of 19th & Hamilton Streets. Jim suggested that it would be wonderful if it was done for Parks on Tap in late June.

Park Maintenance: Jim Makoe will work with us and the contractor, All Seasons, regarding our contribution of \$6,000 for plants for a fall park planting. We will pay for the plants and Parks & Recreation will pay for the contractor’s labor. Jim Fennell also asked Jim Makoe if arrangements could be made for tree pruning in the future.

Web Site News: Check out the recent article by Joe Walsh on “Friends Fighting Entropy” regarding behind the scenes actions that we do to maintain the park, at the website:
<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/friends-fighting-entropy>

Parks on Tap: Baldwin Park will host Parks on Tap 6/26 through 6/30 this year. As in the past, 50% of the profits on Wednesday 6/26 from 5 – 7 PM will go directly to the park.

Scavenger Hunt: Joe Walsh is planning the scavenger hunt to occur on Saturday 5/18 from 9:30 AM – Noon (Rain Date: Sunday 5/19). Joe donated a \$100 prize and local businesses have donated additional prizes. Advanced registration can be done on-line via email or at the park from 9:15 – 9:45 AM. Scoring

will be done at noon. Flyers were posted in the park and the neighborhood. For further details, check out the website at: <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/scavenger-hunt-2019>

Mural Arts: A revised mural consisting of a steam locomotive in honor of the Baldwin Locomotive Works has been approved for the wall on 19th Street at the entrance of the Tivoli parking lot. Baldwin Park will host a painting party for volunteers on Saturday June 1st from 12 – 3 PM. In case of rain, it will be moved to the Mural Arts Headquarters at 1727 Mount Vernon Street.

Movie Night: Joe Walsh announced that the park was approved for a Movie Night on August 29th at 7:30 PM. The group suggested that the movie “Hugo” would be appropriate as it takes place in a railroad station. Parks & Recreation takes care of set-up and clean-up. People bring their own blankets or seats. In case of rain, the movie night will have to re-scheduled to a date to be determined.

Park Conservancy Blog Site: Baldwin Park was featured recently on this blog site. Jim Fennell and Sandy Owens were interviewed. Check out the blog through the link at the park’s website or directly at: https://myphillypark.org/matthias-baldwin-park/?mc_cid=7e7dfc6366&mc_eid=90c363c4a0

Baldwin Birthday Banner: Sandy Owens and Donna Antony reported on their research. The banner would be similar in size to the “Love Your Park” banner. In addition to Baldwin’s Birthday, it can be displayed for other events such as Parks on Tap, Movie Night and Howl-o-Ween. It can be designed so that his age can be updated with stickers. The approximate cost for a vinyl banner with gromets is about \$175. We need to provide a PDF file with a proposed design to get a better estimate, as it may be more expensive depending on the design and colors. Stan Ordo volunteered to work on a design.

Geocache: In her investigation, Marion Parkinson discovered that we probably cannot set up a geocache in the park as it would be too close to others. They must be 558’ apart. Supposedly, one was already installed in Baldwin Park, but it has been stolen or disabled. Other nearby locations are the School Board on Broad Street and the Franklin Sculpture on the Vine Street overpass.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM. Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.