

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Virtual Meeting Minutes: 4/4/2020 (5 – 5:45 PM) – Zoom Session

Note: As the regularly scheduled monthly meeting on Thursday 4/2/2020 was canceled because of the coronavirus, the board decided to hold a virtual meeting of the board and membership committee via a Zoom session.

Attendees (7): Jim Fennell, Sandra Owens, Bob Strunk, Joe Walsh, Joan Markoe, Grace Hanrahan, and Suzanne Cross. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 3/5/2020 meeting were approved by the board via email on 3/30/2020.

Calendar of Future Planned Events:

May Monthly Meeting	Thursday 5/7/2020	7 PM	Virtual Meeting Via Zoom Session (Contact Jim Fennell, if interested in attending.)
Jane's Walk	Postponed		Tour of local sites by Joe Walsh & Jim Fennell
Scavenger Hunt	Postponed		Joe Walsh has the hunt ready for beta testing
Parks-on-Tap	7/15/20 – 7/19/2020		This event may be postponed or canceled.
Movie Night	Thursday 8/27/2020		This event may be postponed or canceled.

Treasurer's Report: Joan Markoe reported as of 4/2/2020, a balance of \$20,655.26 with checks paid out totaling \$25 for a permit for Jane's Walk and \$2,010.65 in deposits for 19 memberships. There has been no update on the reinvestment grant from the 2019 Parks-on-Tap.

Membership Drive: Jim Fennell sent out an e-mail announcing the membership drive. Suzanne Cross placed the laminated posters in the park. Joe Walsh posted the membership drive announcement on the Baldwin Park website and the Nextdoor Franklinton website. Joan Markoe is handling the money. Later in the month, Jim will send out another letter to his e-mail list. Jillian will send another Tivoli e-mail. Joe Walsh will send another Nextdoor announcement. Jan Roberts will do some promotion at City View. As of 4/4/2020, there was a total of 37 members, of which 11 were new and 26 were renewals. The total was about \$2,300.

Website News: Check out the latest history articles at <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/history>. This month features an article on "Police Stations" by Joe Walsh. Also, Joe added a new SEARCH button on the dashboard.

Park Maintenance: Jim Fennell suggested that we use some of our money for additional plantings in the park. Water has been turned on in the park which will help in watering the new street trees. To prevent people from leaving trash on top of cans, the lids were removed and kept beyond the fence for now.

Neighborhood News: A developer is proceeding with plans to construct a 6-story rental apartment building at 1823 – 1837 Callowhill Street. The plan is for a building 70 feet tall and with 57 apartments and retail space at street level. There is no zoning change need as it can be built by right. The developer, Orens Brothers, will make a presentation at the LSNA virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 4/14/2020 at 7 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM. Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.