

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 10/5/2017 7:00 – 8:00 PM - Tivoli Community Room

Attendees (10): Stan Ordo, Dorothy Gray, Mary Feingold, Frank Feingold, Sandra Owens, Bob Strunk, Joe Walsh, Mel Seligsohn, Jim Fennell, and Grace Hanrahan. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 9/7/2017 meeting were summarized by Grace Hanrahan and approved.

Status of Petition for Stop Sign & Crosswalk at 19th & Hamilton Streets: Bob Sutton, Democratic Committee Man, forwarded an email to Jim warning that the crosswalk might require losing a couple of parking spaces on 19th Street. However, this is not a problem for us.

Floral Update: Jim Fennell met with Jim Mako and the All Seasons Contractors who maintain the park. Recently, they added about 1,000 plants. Because there is a pump problem with the sprinkler system, they are watering the flowers by hand. On another note, Jim Fennell has sent additional emails to North by Northwest management, as well as Parks & Recreation, complaining about the excess water puddling up on the northern boundary because of their sprinkler. They may have to take out the top soil and place porous sand in the area to fix the irrigation problem.

Greene Street Dog Park: Everyone is happy with the new dog park which is well maintained.

Neighborhood News: On the lot between the Rose Tattoo and the Franklin Beer Distributor, Melteppe has draft plans to build a 55-unit apartment building. This will be discussed at the 11/14 LSNA meeting. Construction on the development project on the vacant lot at Callowhill and Franklinton Boulevard has been delayed because of issues with the widening of Shamokin Street.

Calendar: Park Cleanups: Saturday October 21st from 10 – 11 AM

Saturday November 4th from 10 – 11 AM (Love Your Park Day)

Next Meeting: Thursday November 9th at 7 PM

(Note: Changed to 2nd Thursday because of scheduling conflicts.)

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Owens reported that we have: \$8,852.15.

Park Friends Network Bus Tour: On Saturday 9/16, Sandy Owens, Jan Roberts and Mary Feingold participated in the bus tour of parks in the River Wards, starting at Penn Treaty and ending at McPherson's Square. Jan Roberts took photos of the park signs. Some of the tips from the parks visited included the following. Get support from your City Councilman. Make friends and have a good relationship with your local police precinct. Power Park sponsors a water ice night with the police. Another idea is to sponsor a dog Halloween costume contest. The bus tour ended with lunch at Medusa, a restaurant in Port Richmond on Gaul Street.

Baldwin Statue: There was a brief discussion about whether in the future the Baldwin Statue might be moved from City Hall to Baldwin Park. Mel Seligsohn will bring it up to a contact he knows involved with Philadelphia monuments.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.