

## **Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 8/1/2019 (7 – 8:10 PM) - Tivoli Community Room**

**Attendees (15):** Sandra Owens, Mary Castellucci, Jim Fennell, Hanna & Andrew Zaruski, Joan Possiel, Joan Markoe, Mary Feingold, Eve Adler, Stan Ordo, Grace Hanrahan, Joe Walsh, Bob Strunk, Jan Roberts, and Joan Applegate. Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. Minutes of the 7/11/2019 meeting were approved.

**Calendar:** Cleanup: Saturday 9/21/2019 at 10 AM  
September Meeting: Thursday 9/5/2019 at 7 PM  
Movie Night: Thursday 8/29/2019 at 7:30 PM – Movie: “Hugo”  
(Rain Date: Thursday 9/5/2019 at 7:30 PM)

**Treasurer’s Report:** Joan Markoe reported the current treasury total is \$17,469.99. We have committed to pay \$6,000 for the new plantings. Jim Fennell mentioned that we need to get State Tax Exempt Forms for purchases.

**Mural Arts:** There is no update on the date for the mural installation.

**Movie Night:** The movie, *Hugo*, will be shown on Thursday, August 29th at 7:30 PM. Parks & Recreation will take care of the set-up and clean-up. As Joe Walsh will be away on the rain date September 5th, Peg Szczurek volunteered to be a backup point of contact. In addition to the Baldwin Park website, to publicize the event, notices were sent to local condominiums and apartment buildings, the Logan Square Neighborhood Association, and Nextdoor Franklinton website. In addition, we will print letter size flyers to post around the neighborhood and larger ledger size flyers to post in the park.

**Pedestrian Crosswalk Status:** Four parking spots and meters were removed, but the painted stripes and curb cuts will be coming later to the corner of 19th & Hamilton Streets.

**Sprinklers:** The sprinklers have been working every day.

**Tree Identification:** Joe Walsh has posted an updated tree inventory with links to Wikipedia on the Baldwin Park website under “Gallery”. The park has 18 different species of trees. As the inventory is a work in progress, he requests that people review the data for accuracy. It can be found at: <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/trees-in-the-park>

**Web Site News:** Check out the recent article by Joe Walsh on the Baldwin Park website. “*Hugo* and Baldwin Park” is about the many connections between the movie and the Franklin Institute, as well as the early film industry in our neighborhood. It can be found in the history section at: <https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/history>

**Doggie Bags:** As Tivoli has added four dog bag dispensers, our dog bag use should decrease. Stan Ordo displayed an inexpensive plastic dispenser which can be filled with recycled plastic bags. There were some concerns that the bags would become soggy with rain or that people might fill it with trash.

**Park Friends Network Meeting:** Joe Walsh volunteered to attend the meeting on 8/7/19 at the Horticultural Center in Fairmount Park.

**Park Maintenance:** The contractor, All Seasons, weeded and cleaned up the walls recently. The Department of Health and Parks & Recreation have been contacted to exterminate the rats in the park. In the spring, we plan to work on the pebble replacement project and re-stain the mortar on the walls. Parks & Recreation plans to add grass and shrubs to cover the beaten paths.

**Park Archives:** In the Baldwin Park Archives, Sandy Owens found an old news clipping dated 6/14/1992, with a negative review of the then-new park. The author complained that the park was inhabited by art, instead of people. He predicted that the park would probably not be maintained.

**Dead Trees on 19th Street Sidewalk:** Joe Walsh is checking on an application for replacing the dead trees on 19th Street just outside the park.

**Other Neighborhood News:** The Friends of Rail Park, Mural Arts and the American Composers Forum sponsored building a Zen Garden at the 18th Street railroad cut. The Philadelphia Community College plans to project images on the wall above the garden. Eve Adler announced that parking would be restricted in the neighborhood on Sunday 8/4 and Monday 8/5 because of the filming of a movie, *The Concrete Cowboy*.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.