

Minutes of Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting: 3/2/2017 7:00 – 7:45 PM at the Tivoli Community Room

Attendees: Mary Feingold, Beth Shay, Sandy Owens, Jim Fennell, Jan Roberts, and Grace Hanrahan.

Minutes of the 2/2/2017 meeting were approved.

Next Meeting: Thursday 4/6/2017

Park Cleanups: Saturday 3/25/2017 and 4/8/2017 (Philly Spring Cleanup Day)

Jim Fennell reported that Bob Sutton has brought our Stop Sign petition for 19<sup>th</sup> & Hamilton Street to Darrell Clarke's office. Jim also mentioned that Athena Tacha, the park's landscape designer, will have a new book published in June. The book, Visualizing the Universe, will discuss her public commissions, including the Baldwin Park.

Sandy Owens reported that we have \$6,175 in the treasury as of 2/28/2017.

Dog Issues:

Jan Roberts reported on her research into Dog Waste Bag Dispensers. It will cost \$119 for a dispenser with post and sign. This will include free shipping and a 5-year warranty. Bags are \$59 for a roll of 2,000 or \$99 for a pull-case of 3,200. There was discussion over the need for 1 or 2 dispensers. It was decided that the dispenser(s) should be located on the 19<sup>th</sup> Street side as that is where most dog walkers enter the park. Jim Fennell will contact Jason Mifflin regarding obtaining assistance from Parks & Recreation in having the dispenser installed. Jan Roberts and Grace Hanrahan will take responsibility for replenishing the bag supply.

In 3 years, there may be a dog park built in front of the former school board building on Winter Street. The Fairmount CDC has opened a dog park at 19<sup>th</sup> & Green Street but it is limited only to Spring Garden Community residents and costs \$50 per year.

Sandy Owens reported on the Friends' Network Meeting which was held 2/4/2017 at the University of the Sciences. Dogs in parks was the topic of one of the sessions. Parks & Recreation will NOT fund a dog park. There are strict guidelines and requirements for establishing a dog park that include dog owners funding and maintaining the park. Parks & Recreation can provide signs to remind owners to clean up and to keep dogs on a leash. There is a process to get an area of the park designated a dog-free zone. ACCT is a city contractor which deals with dog issues such as unlicensed or unleashed dogs. The police only handle vicious dogs.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by Grace Hanrahan