Friends of Franklintown Park

Monthly meeting February 3, 2011 7PM at Tivoli  Draft Minutes

5 members present

- Jim reported that Parks and Recreation has not decided yet how to use our $2,000 grant from Babette Josephs. Staff will meet this month. Seamus will maintain contact so that a plan is in plan by March. The money must be spent by June.

- Jim also reviewed the issue of dogs in park off leash. Our group will continue for now to be neutral about dog owners letting dogs run off lease, but if we become aware of another issue like the recent one of three dogs being bitten by one dog due to owner’s lack of control, we may have to reconsider. Two of the three dogs are afraid to use the park now. One of the owners reported his concern about large dogs running very fast and hurting children by accident. The dog in question has been better controlled by the owner recently and the pack of three Springer Spaniels is moving to the suburbs along with the owner on 2/5.

- Sandra reported she communicated with Mark Focht and Daryl Clark, the parks name has been officially changed to Mathias Baldwin Park. New green signs will be prepared for the entrances to the park. This time Connections and Athena Tacha will be mentioned along with the park name. Daryl wants a ceremony in March. The stone presentation markers from 1991 will not be changed.

- Grace provided an update on the tree signs. 50 can be ordered for $750. Since we have only about 40 distinctly different trees, she or Stan will check to see if we can save money by ordering 40.

Next meeting: Thursday March 3, 2011 at 7PM at Tivoli.

Next cleanup: Saturday February 26, 2011 at 11AM. Please bring our own equipment.

Prepared by Jim Fennell 2/4/11