

Minutes for Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park meeting of 7/7/16 at Tivoli Community Room 7 PM.

Attendees: Joe Walsh, Frank Feingold, Sandy Owens, Jan Roberts, Bob Strunk, Earl Wolf, Jackie Wolf, Joan Applegate, Jim Fennell, Stan Ordo and Grace Hanrahan.

Jim Fennell conducted the meeting.

June meeting minutes were approved.

Sandy Owens reported that the current balance was: \$6,251, which included the \$2,500 contribution from M&T Bank.

Status: Stop sign, crosswalk and handicap curb cut at 19th & Hamilton Streets petitions were given to Jim Fennell. More petition signatures may be coming from City View. The aim is to have all signatures in by September. The stop sign petition and curb cut application package will be submitted to our ward leader, Bob Sutton. If endorsed by Darrell Clarke's office, it goes on to the Streets Department.

Our eighth annual Picnic in the Park was on 6/11/16.

The band asked for an increase from \$400 to \$450, which was approved.

Sandy Owens agreed to send thank you notes to the contributors which included Pan Quotidian, Rose Tattoo and the Franklin Beverage Distributors.

There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting is Thursday 9/1/16.

Clean-ups were scheduled for Saturday 7/16 and 8/20.

Next was a discussion of a possible project to stain the park benches like those at the Sister Cities Park. It would involve pre-cleaning and sanding the benches and one or more coats of stain and sealer. Jim Fennell will check for permission for the project from Parks & Recreation. Stan Ordo will check on what might be involved and if a contractor was used at Sister Cities Park.

In the fall, Jim expects that they will be re-seeding the grass in the areas that were affected by the Museum Towers construction. Jim Fennell sent before and after photos to Parks & Recreation so that they are aware which areas were affected.

For our clean-ups, Jim suggested that some volunteers focus on thinning out the Lamb's Ear and Echinacea plants.

Neighborhood News:

The demolition of the Children's Center has been delayed because of permit issues.

Manna's move into the Rodin has an issue with near neighbors' objections to lighted signage on 20th Street marquee.

Whole Foods construction is moving at a good pace, with opening planned for the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by Grace Hanrahan.