

# Hester Park Task Force

## 12/1108 Meeting Minutes

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pam Haugen  
Kelly Haugen

Vicki Henry  
Mary Justin

Pat Justin  
Mark Larcom

Janet Reigstad

### Hester Park Task Force Goal Statement

*To preserve and enhance the beauty of Hester Park, promote neighborhood involvement and oversight, and work to keep the park a safe, clean, and welcoming place for all who enjoy it.*

### Meeting Summary

The Hester Park Task Force met from 6:30p to 7:30p on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Conference Room. Pam and Kelly Haugen co-chaired the meeting in Michelle Johnson's absence. Tonight's minutes were prepared by Pam Haugen.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> were presented for review and approval. Noting no changes, the Task Force voted to approve the November 6, 2008 minutes.

### Update on Sledding Hill

Kristi was unable to attend this meeting but provided an update prior to tonight's meeting:

- The metal fence at the bottom of the hill and the snow fence on the hill will be there for 2 winters during the construction.
- The snow fence on the will be removed for the 4th of July celebration.
- The city put up hay bales on the metal treatment plant fence.
- The city is encouraging sledders to use the West/East hill for the next 2 winters.

### 2009 Beautification Project

Relayed information on the meeting held Nov 18th with Juliana Elchert (Barden Park Committee). Meeting attended by Michelle, Kelly and Pam. Steps to be taken for Hester Park:

- We will need to approach the city for Northside-Hester Park to formally adopt the park.
- Contact the Central MN Community Foundation to set up a Hester Park Fund to handle donations and payments.
- Develop a Master Plan with the city.
- Fundraising - setting up a database to keep track of donations and mailings, also potential donations/ Adopt-a-Park Sponsor(?) Develop a PowerPoint presentation to be used for presentations to the city and potential donors.
- Design a Hester Park Fund logo so that the park will be identified on mailings and literature related to the park.
- Holding monthly meetings - which we already do.
- Create a jobs list so that everyone knows who will be doing what and when.
- Obtain as much information as we can on Hester Park and collect any pictures and postcards.
- Historic District - WPA Walls and Bridges - possible grant money.

Last bit of advice from Julia was to "Be Patient".

Vicki Henry shared information that she obtained from the Stearns History Museum on this topic. The walls/bridges are not on any national or state registrar. But from the information obtained, it may be good that we do not go in this direction due to the strict regulations that are there for historic property. Vicki also shared information on the park, how it was named, where it originally was located and changes throughout the years to date. Information was wonderful, and photos she shared were great. Kelly also shared some photos that he had found.

### JOBS LIST:

**Pam** - contact Scott Zlotnik to find out how we (Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood) formally adopt Hester Park.

**Pam** - check with Kaye to find out more information on the roll of the Central MN Community Foundation.

**Vicki** - write article on Hester Park/request for pictures for the Citizens Times. Will be brought before the Steering Committee for approval prior to being submitted to the Times.

**Kelly** - check with the Times for photos - possible Myron Hall pictures/St Cloud Times.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Conference Room from 6:30 to 7:30.

#### Ideas for the Park (standing list- please continue to provide suggested additions/revisions)

- New nets for basketball hoops- **mission accomplished!**
- A few more picnic tables, grills, and garbage cans- **mission accomplished!** (with the exception of more grills, which we still need to discuss with Scott Zlotnik.)
- Enhance the natural beauty of the park with more flowers and other planting/landscaping/trimming- in planning phase:**

Contact the reformatory re: service projects.

Contact the technical college and SCSU re: student projects.

Contact Northside Floral or Pavison's (sp?) farm regarding flower and plant donations or purchases at cost.

Contact Boy Scouts regarding possible Eagle Scout project.

Contact master gardeners re: public service projects. (Note: Pat is going to check with an ICU nurse he knows. Michelle was given the name of Nancy (John) Bartlett in Sartell.)

Contact the Southside Coalition re: their work at Barden Park

Contact the rotary club regarding sponsoring the sign.

Consider fundraisers this winter and spring (kite-flying contest, hot-chocolate during sledding, Easter egg hunt, etc.)

- Research and move forward on security/crime prevention efforts (e.g., additional lighting?)
- ~~Consider adding a skating rink in the future~~ (Requests to delete this from the list were expressed at the 9/11 meeting.)