

Northside-Hester Park Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 6, 2010 7:30p.m.
CHS Conference Room

Desired Outcomes: To continue to flesh out details for upcoming projects/events

To evaluate/share experiences from recent projects/events

Attendees: Kaye Schimnich, John Augustin, Joan Rydberg, Pam Haugen, Kelly Haugen, David Mohs, Kristi Laliberte, Ellen "Susie" Lies, Kate Schad, and Steve Lanz

1. Mission statement read.
2. Minutes of April 2010 Steering Committee approved.
3. Upcoming Events:
 - a. Hester Park
 - i. Cleanup/planting—Joan Rydberg's spent 5-6 days at the park cleaning out beds, etc.
 1. Joan contacted Ross (summer worker) & he will water ravine area
 2. Joan reported 180 bags have already been used, about 20 more bags to be filled.
 3. Kelly Haugen will talk to Bill Clemens about getting any supplies from Munsinger Park greenhouse for in front of the high wall
 - ii. Memorial Garden people can donate the amount they want--no plaques or names, there will be recognition in neighborhood newsletter.
 - iii. Buckthorn by river—is so invasive that it has to be watched even after it has been cleared away
 1. Suggested that we contact the DNR first, then possibly the University's Environmental dept. to take on as a project.
 - b. Granite City Days Parade Float—Joan Rydberg will be in charge, can use Kurt Schimnich's trailer this year, pulled by his truck
 - c. 4th of July—Steve Lanz suggested we will be selling root beer floats and glowsticks as a fundraiser, Esther Burgeson will portray Hester for a 15 to 20 minute presentation before the fireworks, Lorraine Duea has made a quilt and wants us to raffle it off on July 4th—Susie Lies made the suggestion that we have a silent auction for the quilt—it was agreed to do that.
 - d. 100th Birthday of Hester Park—Sept. 18, 2010—T-shirts—Pam H. will check int T-shirt costs-it was decided on short sleeve shirts, with logo on the front. The planning committee will establish meeting times in the very near future.
 - e. WPA walls—Joan R. reported that Mr. Pogatchnik will study the walls and give us an estimate on cost and what needs to be done.
4. Miscellaneous items
 - a. When we get more information about a possible closing ceremony of the ALC building, we will decide if there is something the Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood should do.
 - b. M/M/S/A—Steve Lanz/Kelly Haugen—To pay CHS a stipend of \$250 for use of the facilities and support throughout 2009-2010. The payment request will be submitted to the Coalition, for the check to be issued in June.
 - c. Home Tour—We agreed that overall it was a success again this year, although not as successful financially as last year, likely due in part to the poor weather. Several questions were raised:
 - i. Should we charge only one price (rather than advanced/day of sales)?
 - ii. Should we extend hours?
 - iii. Should people pay to go to just one house/artist?
 - iv. Should we purchase a paid advertisement in the newspaper?
 - v. What are some other ways to advertise?
 - d. What Neighbors Should Know About Personal Safety—evaluation of the presentation—although only 13 people attended, it was well worth it—it was valuable time spent.

Submitted by John Augustin, Secretary