

**Northside Hesterpark Steering Committee Meeting
October 3rd 2011
Catherderal High School Conference Room**

Members present: Joan Rydberg, Kevin Kelly, Pam Haugen, Janet Reigestad, Ellen Lies.

Park update given by Joan: She stated everything is up to date. Our gardens are still a work in progress, but looking good. Both the north and south bridges are repaired, and the pathways have been repaved. She said she called Chris in the park department to remind him that this would be a good time in the year to take care of the creeping charlie. She also asked about planting trees, but was told that the budget would probably not cover planting new trees at the present. Kevin said that he has planted more hollyhocks where we planted some earlier this year, and also by the north bridge.

Janet gave the coalition report and said that Kelly Bartlow is resigning as the chair person due to other commitments. The Beaver Island Trail is still being looked at, that some of the condo residents did not like the idea of the trail going in front of the condos, that it would be to invasive. The city is partnering with the coalition to offer a leadership seminar. Perhaps some of us should attend if the seminar takes place. Janet said she has also volunteered for a sub committee on the coalition. She also stated that the coalition would not be holding an October meeting.

Pam gave the treasurer's report, and stated that Coborn's has not yet received the check from the coalition and this needs to be taken care of. Our toal amount as of October is \$8,359.59... Initiative Foundation {\$145.10}... Wading Pool \$796.39... Bremer Foundation \$302.43... Neighborhood Funds \$7371.87... and Memorial Garden \$34.00.

The home tour was discussed, and despite the chilly weather we had with our last tour, it was felt we should still have it the first weekend in May, which will be Sunday, May 6th. We will continue to discuss this at our nest meeting. Kaye had stated at the last meeting she attended that she might be willing to lead this project. Sue will contact her about this.

The Bridges Newsletter was also talked about and it was felt that we should have at least three letters during the year. Some of the topics discussed were New Neighbors, Kevin said he would be willing to get an interview from the people who built the new house across the street from the park if they were willing to do it. Janet suggested a column called, "Did you Know?" She said she could write something about the Humane Society that she just learned. It was also felt that if we could get a few articles written ahead of time, that we could keep them on file and use them as we needed them. Other topic were also talked about.

It was decided that the annual neighborhood meeting should still be in the spring, in February, but perhaps should be on a Thursday evening, and that it be catered. The meeting would take place from 6:00 to 7:30. Updates, door prizes etc. would be the same format.

We felt that we perhaps should have some kind of summer get-together again and see if we couldn't get tours of the water plant again, since they were so popular during our birthday celebration.

A question was asked if there was any way of tracking how many people were using the wiki site to read our notes?

Next meeting to held Thursday November 3rd at 6:30pm at Cathedral High School conference room. Hope to see you there, all are welcome.