

Northside Hester Park Steering Committee
June 7, 2012

Present: Joan Rydberg, Janet Reigstad, Steve Lanz, Bandon Pauman, Seal Dwyer, Ellen "Sue" Lies, David Mohs, John Augustin, Clare Mohs, Matt Glaseman (city planner), David Laliberte, Michelle Johnson, Sonja Hayden Berg

1. Discussion of Beaver Island Trail: We thank Matt Glaseman for the updated presentation of the future Beaver Island Trail. He showed drawings of the potential trail. He spoke of the cost, funding sources, and construction materials. He was seeking feedback. David Laliberte also spoke of possible alternatives. Both Matt and David encourage input from the public.
2. Coalition report: No coalition report since there was no May SCNC meeting. The last HNPP meeting was held on May 17. Steve read a list of desired outcomes compiled from our Visioning Session with the neighborhood. From that list, we chose those projects most likely to be achieved in the coming years.
3. Treasurer report: In Pam's absence, Sue gave the report. Our balance is \$8,242.40. Of that, \$796.39 is the pool fund, \$7,412.00 is our neighborhood fund, and \$33.00 is the memorial garden fund. Both the IF and Bremer funds have a zero balance. Our total for the HNPP expense was \$975.20.
4. Park update: Joan received an update from parks director Pat Shay. PWA bridge restoration will continue, only at a slower pace due to decreased funding. The pool will remain open an extra week into mid-August as a result of our neighborhood paying \$1,000. Cement has been poured for the bicycle rack and it should be complete by next week. The city has allocated \$500 for weed control, though this will be completed as part of a citywide effort. Three artificial boulders have been placed in the far south bed. Joan reports that the hospital will have music in the park again this year.
5. July 4 fundraiser: Steve has submitted an application to the city. We will again sell soda, water, assorted ice cream treats, and glow sticks. He obtained a list of volunteers from our committee members and will contact others from his volunteer list.
6. Newsletter: A tentative August newsletter will be discussed at the July meeting. Janet will write an article recapping the visioning session. Steve will report on the July 4 fundraiser. If space permits, photographs of the pool being repainted will be inserted, along with photographs of Hester's heart-shaped flower bed. Seal Dwyer suggested that a database of the neighborhood homes would be of interest and that an article of a home be put in the newsletter. David suggested that we feature John Eder's home and said he would talk to John. This would go along with the idea brought up by Janet, that we should have some type of recognition for neighborhood homes that have been well kept or have shown some improvement or beautification. Additional information for inclusion are the home tour, future projects, and volunteer needs.
7. Mission statement: Discussion deferred to the July meeting.
8. Home tour: Discussion anticipated at upcoming meetings.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 5 at 6:30 PM in Cathedral High School's conference room. Enter via door #1 and proceed downstairs. Everyone is welcome.