

Northside Hester Park Neighborhood Steering Committee Minutes for July 5, 2012

Members present: Joan Rydberg, Pam Haugen, Janet Reigstad, Brandon Paumen, David Mohs, Steve Lanz Ellen (Suzie) Lies.

Coalition report:

Coalition representation action: Janet attended the coalition meeting with Brandon, who stated he would like to become one of our representatives in the coalition. A motion was made by Steve to have Brandon as one of our representatives, and David seconded the motion. All members present agreed and the motion was carried. Brandon will become our third representative, along with Janet and John.

Coalition financial news: May Patli resigned as the coalition treasurer. Ken Miller was nominated and elected to fill the position. Nicole will be at our August meeting and will answer questions we might have regarding our financial statements. We would like an explanation and clarification of the statements sent to our neighborhood steering committee. Neighborhoods are responsible for reviewing and ensuring that statements are correct. HNPP grant applications were due and submitted. There are not any dates set for the grant payouts. It was suggested that each neighborhood look at a five year plan for sponsors to donate \$2,500 a year and not just rely on the grants each year.

The annual summer coalition picnic was discussed. No decision has been made.

Six tasks were listed at the HNPP meeting, asking for volunteers. It was noted that our NHP committee did not respond. If anyone is interested in volunteering, they should contact Heidi Peri. It was noted at our meeting that there were only three members present at the last HNPP meeting, therefore we were not able to respond immediately.

Treasurer report:

It was noted that statements from the coalition differed from neighborhood treasurer Pam Haugen's spreadsheet. Nicole will address this concern.

Pam has contacted the park about the neighborhood paying to extend pool hours later into the year. The city returned the call with a message that it would be extended one week due to the spring repairs. However, this has not addressed the neighborhood's question. Joan will inquire.

June expenses: \$258 for flowers in Hester Park, \$975.20 for the HNPP visioning session.

July 4 fundraiser: Expenses include \$50 to Coborn's, \$65 to Appert's, and \$210 for the glow sticks and wands. All supplies were used except some glow sticks and wands. Remaining glow sticks might be used as prizes at future events. A \$35 gift card was received for future use (in-kind).

Park update: Joan contacted Kris about mowing the ravine and around the flowerbeds. Lance is now mowing those areas. It was also mentioned that Pam and Kelly planted many beautiful flowers on Monday, July 2 in the north bed. Thanks to those volunteers.

Home Tour: Brandon will contact the home owners next week. Information will be presented at the August meeting. At that time, a decision will be made about the potential September tour.

Newsletter: Steve will write an article about the July 4 fundraiser, Janet on the visioning session, Seal on the Eder home. David indicated that John was excited about it. Sue will contact Kevin and see if he will gather pictures: pool repair, heart-shaped garden (old and new), and Hester Park bicycle rack. Article deadline is July 16. Article should be emailed to steering committee members for opinions. Other topics for the newsletter include: lighting contest, possible concert in the park, and contact information. Targeted distribution is August.

Miscellaneous:

Neighborhood improvements: Steve proposed a committee be formed to come up with ideas for a sign to be placed at households improving their home or yard. This would recognize homeowner efforts to keep the neighborhood looking well-kept and beautiful. It was also suggested that a certificate of some kind be presented to the neighbor for their efforts as well as a possible gift certificate from a downtown merchant. All members present agreed these were good ideas and it will be doing further brainstorming at the August meeting.

At the end of the meeting, members counted the proceeds from the July 4 fundraiser. A total of \$1,147.30 was raised. Thank you Steve for your hard work organizing this successful event, along with a big thanks to the great volunteers. Steve will contact Kris, who spent extra hours, to thank her for her time.

Next meeting: August 2 at 6:30 PM in Hester Park at the north bridge.