

Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood Steering Committee
September 6, 2012

Members present: Joan Rydberg, Pam Haugen, Ellen (Susie) Lies, Steve Lanz, Janet Reigstad, Brandon Paumen, Seal Dwyer, John Augustin, David Moh, and J.J. Helm.

Coalition report:

- J.J. Helm talked about the SCNC website (www.scnc.us), how it can be connected to our website, and events that would be listed.
- He mentioned that the coalition was looking at a fundraiser to be held at Anton's in April 2013.
- Janet and Brandon said there would be new statement formats from the coalition, making it easier to understand fund balances. The statement will be sent monthly and show the activity and balances.
- The Initiative Grant was approved and fund should be available as of August 15. Julian will notify the neighborhood groups. Nothing has been out yet about the Bremer Grant.

Park Update:

- Joan reported on the proposed light fixtures for the park. The cost would be \$24,000. The city will pay \$19,000, leaving the neighborhood with a responsibility of \$5,000. A motion was made by Janet that we pay up to \$5000. Seal seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Pam said she would check with Design Electric on an in-kind donation towards the installation of the lights.
- Janet reported that the pool and tennis court were repaired and repainted.
- The sprinkling system was also repaired after an animal chewed through the pipes. The city will continue to repair the bridges and the WPA walls as funds permit.
- The city will spray to control the creeping charlie.
- Joan suggest that we ask advice on planting appropriate vegetation for the various beds, making it easier to maintain.
- There will not be a fall cleanup this year, leaving nature to take its course. Volunteers will be needed for a spring cleanup. Pam stated that the employees of Creative Memories have put in eight hours at Hester Park, and will be seeking further volunteer time this fall. Thank you to Creative Memories and to all the people who have put in volunteer time to keep Hester Park looking so good.

Treasurer report:

- It was tates that Heidi from the Coalition took over the bookkeeping in August.
- We have a balance of \$8,554.58, which indicates a shortage of \$258. Pam is waiting to hear from JO Meyers, the accountant.

Newsletter:

- The newsletter is in the works.
- Items remaining to be inserted are short notes on the new lights, the Christmas lighting contest, and an insert on the pizza in the park social. Sue will contact Julie.

Home tour:

- The date of Saturday, May 4 has been tentatively set for the home tour.
- Brandon will continue to make contacts and get homes for the tour. It is hoped that the article Seal wrote for the newsletter will bering forth people who are willing to open their homes. This will be promoted in the newsletter and website.

Miscellaneous:

- Discussion on a social and pizza in the park occurred. Sue will check with Dominoes Pizza.

Steve will obtain the water and soda. The gathering will be October 4 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Word of the social will be in the newsletter and on the website.

- A change of day and time was discussed for the monthly meeting, feeling it might get more members to join. It was decided to leave it on Thursday at 6:30 PM. Most of the members had other obligations on other nights.
- It was suggested that we do something for National Night Out. Janet was told that it was for the blocks that had neighborhood watches.
- Steve checked on the cost of yard signs for our neighborhood recognition. The signs would be \$130 each, made of metal and reusable. This subject will be continued at the next meeting, discussing the design and wording.

Next meeting: November 1, 2012 at 6:30 PM in Cathedral High School's conference room. Everyone is welcome.