

## **Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood Steering Committee Minutes of October 4, 2012**

Members present: Joan Rydberg, Pam Haugen, Ellen (Susie) Lies, Janet Reigstad, David Mohs

### Coalition report:

- The September meeting addressed fundraising and a \$20,000 request that was made. They should hear back from the mayor in October about the request. Jan volunteered to be on the fundraising committee.
- It was announced that 18,000 people reside in the core neighborhoods.
- Feedback was requested on the concept of banning smoking in city parks. The Northside-Hester Park group felt that such a ban would be difficult to enforce.
- Saint John Cantius reported a great turnout for their annual meeting. How do they get such a good turnout?
- Joe Maiers continues to work on the reporting statements, making them easier to read.
- Matt Glaseman requested to become an ex-officio and the request was approved.
- “Arts to Parks” grants were discussed, and it was thought that we should possibly have an “Art in the Parks” event as one of the HNP summer socials.
- Boy Scouts are looking for projects via which to earn Eagle Scout badges.
- When a neighborhood project gets publicity, it should include a statement indicating that funding was in part by the Initiative Foundation. This will be added to our newsletters.

### Treasurer's report:

- There was a \$67.61 expense for plants in the park.
- The balance is \$8,554.58. We continue to show a discrepancy of \$285.25.

### Park report:

- The new lamps are being installed. Bases have been poured.
- Sprinklers were nonfunctional again due to a dead battery, but has since been repaired.
- If anyone has concerns about watering at the park, please notify Joan or another committee member. Joan suggests that the park department train new grounds crew about the water system.

### Newsletter:

- Pam brought the list of volunteers who are willing to deliver newsletters.
- The newsletter publication process is:
  - Written articles are submitted to Julie for layout.
  - Insty Prints generates 700 copies.
  - Newsletters and the invoice are retrieved from Insty Prints. The invoice is delivered to the neighborhood treasurer, Pam. The previous cost was \$137.71.
  - Newsletters are divided amongst the various routes.
  - Volunteer couriers are notified and newsletter bundles are delivered to the volunteers.
- It was suggested that mailing costs be researched, versus hand delivery. This topic can be discussed at the next meeting.
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### Miscellaneous:

- Joan has agreed to become the “meeting coordinator.” Any questions, requests, or concerns for her can be handled via phone. The chairperson position remains available. Sue will continue as

secretary.

- The Christmas decorating contest will be discussed at the next meeting. A date and time will be set for judging, possibly the night of the hospital lighting. David will contact Andra for the hospital's date.
- We will also continue our discussion of the recognition signs, setting up neighborhood socials, possible tours of the water plant, taking a look at a new title for our annual neighborhood gathering, and ways to get neighbors to attend meetings or volunteer with projects.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 1, 2012 in the Cathedral High School conference room. Enter via door #1 and go to the lower level. Everyone is welcome.