

Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood Steering Committee

March 7, 2013

Members present: Joan Rydberg, Seal Dwyer, Brandon Pauman, Steve Lanz, David Mohs, and Ellen (Sue) Lies

Coalition Report: Brandon reported that his committee is working on reforming and tweaking the grant procedures. They are trying to get more organizations to give grants. He stated that Juliana wants to do a refresher on the Rober's Rules.

Treasurer's Report: Pam states via email that there were no changes since last meeting.

Park Update: No new events. Joan stated that come spring, she will start to contact Scott about garbage cans by the tennis courts. She will also contact Chris about training the groundskeeper to be aware of the sprinkling system and if it seems that they are not working properly, that he should notify someone. There were a few problems with broken pipes last year and the gardens were not being watered. She also plans to check with Pat Shea to see if the repair work to the bridges and walls can be completed this year.

Newsletter: All articles are due by Friday, March 25. Both Sue and Seal offered to send out reminders. The newsletter will be mailed to our neighbors.

Home tour: Ideas for the tour include (1) Mathew Hall historical display, (2) the Victorian house at 6th Avenue and 3rd Street North, (3) Holy Angels with a neighborhood history presentation, and (4) vendors in the parking lot across from Holy Angels. As in previous years, pre-sale tickets will be \$8, and day-of tickets \$10. Sunday, June 30 was the date chosen for the tour. Discussion will continue at upcoming meetings.

Use of neighborhood signs: David thought a good use of the signs would be to identify owner-occupied homes in a neighborhood where a house goes up for sale, noting that the houses in the area are owner-occupied. Any home owner that wanted to display a sign could. It was felt that this might be instrumental in keeping the area owner-occupied versus becoming rental. Seal offered to develop a bi-fold brochure about owner occupied homes in our area to present to realtors.

Annual meeting: Our meeting will be Thursday, April 25 at 6:00 M in Cathedral High School's cafeteria. Setup will start at 5:00 PM. Pam had offered in her email to contact House of Pizza. Steve will get the pop and water. Joan will get the tablecloths and information cards that we have used previously. David will bring the slides. A possible sign-up sheet for pre-sale of home tour tickets will be available. John will come in costume representing Father Pierz. Janet could be the emcee, as she did an excellent job last year. Sue will get the flowers for the tables. Some door prizes and centerpiece flowers will be given away. Seal offered to bring some books. Sue will contact Vicky Henry to see if Sean would like to see his photo-cards again this year.

Facebook: Seal was disappointed that none of the committee members checked-out the Facebook page she started. After we admitted that none of us know how to sue Facebook, she offered to teach us at our next meeting. Thanks Seal.

Neighborhood Recognition Signs: They could have verbiage such as "Neighborhood Proud," "Sponsored by the Hester Park Neighborhood Group," or "Gold Star Home." It was suggested that we should contact J.J. Helm since he has experience with this type of thing.