

Northside Hester Park Steering Committee
October 3, 2013, 6:30 PM
Cathedral High School Conference Room

Members Present: Joan Rydberg, John Augustin, Janet Reigstad, Steve Lanz, David Mohs, Seal Dwyer, Brandon Pauman, and Ellen "Susie" Lies.

1] Coalition Report

- A letter of support for the City's request for funding for the parks and trails was sent by the coalition.
- All neighborhood steering committees need to put their name on the deposit slips when making a deposit in the account.
- It is time to start thinking about the IF Fund Grant. Julianna has sent a letter of application for a grant of \$2000.00 per neighborhood. We need to discuss the amount to be raised and how we plan to raise it at our next meeting for the matching grant funds. Some suggestions were community garage sale, a book sale, and our annual meeting.

2] Treasures Report:

- Pam was unable to attend the meeting.
- The name and addresses of this months Neighborhood Proud winners will be e-mailed to her for her to submit for the checks to be awarded.

3] Park Report:

- Joan will submit a request for ash trays for the north bridge. There has been an increase of smokers and the amount of cigarette butts that are left there.
- She has requested that the dead bush at the top of the stair way be removed.
- Seal gave an update on the rope barrier by the water treatment facility. She continues to work with the committee to find a suitable replacement. She suggested a granite block barrier to match the existing walls.

4] Neighborhood Proud Awards:

- It was reported by Joan that one of the signs is missing. We will give out four awards this month.
- The October winners are Maryann Nelson and Goeffery Tauqkin at 611 7th Ave., presented by Seal, Becky and Steve Zinsli at 711 5th Ave., given by Brandon, Kathy Maloney and Connie Burczyk at 819 13th St., Award given by Steve, and Phil Kramer at 1343 8th Ave., Sue will e-mail Pam and ask if she would present the award.

5] Neighborhood Survey Update:

- It was suggested that we do a door to door contact, possibly in groups, to explain the survey to those that have not responded to the initial survey.
- Personal letters will be sent to non owner-occupied through the mail.
- Seal motioned we pay for the postage and Steve seconded the motion. All agreed to the motion.

6] Topic of interest:

- John gave an update on the proposal to build a mosque and community center near Clearwater Road.

7] Newsletter:

- Articles are to be submitted to Janet.
- Steve will do articles on the 4th of July fundraiser and the Neighborhood Proud Awards.
- David will do a zoning article, some briefs, and sewage lift-station article.
- Others to be included will be reminders on the Christmas lighting contest, the hospital lighting event, and a list of committee member contacts.
- Direct mailing will be tried again.

8] Home Tour:

- It was suggested that we do something other than the home tour to raise funds, and that we rename this agenda to community fundraiser.
- Some ideas for raising funds were a community garage sale, a progressive Christmas Party, a book sale.
- We will continue to discuss this at future meetings.

Next Meeting:

- Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 6:30 PM in Cathedral High Schools' conference room. Enter via door #1.
- Everyone is welcome.