

Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood Steering Committee – February 6, 2014

Members present: Seal Dwyer, Brandon Paumen, Ellen (Susie) Lies, David Mohs, Pam Haugen, Steve Lanz, Janet Reigstad.

Coalition report:

- Brandon summarized some of the HRA programs, such as converting rentals into homesteads and obtaining rehab loans. It was suggested we include this in the newsletter.
- This was Janet Reigstad's first month as secretary for the Saint Cloud Neighborhood Coalition.
- Matt Glaesman reported that the city is conducting a housing study and neighborhood rehabilitation.

Treasurer's report: There were no new expenses.

Park report:

- Steve inquired as to whether McKibbins would help with the park gardens. The response was not now, but perhaps they could adopt a garden bed next year.
- A newsletter might ask people help in the gardens, or adopt a bed.

Neighborhood zoning survey:

- David did not submit the survey results, but will instead submit them for March.

Fundraising:

- Garage sale on May 17: Steve contacted Holly at Mathew Hall Lumber. We can use a portion of their parking lot. Sunday is preferred, but Saturday could be explored. Ideally, we'll use the 7th Avenue parking lot. Sale hours will be 8AM to 2 PM, with progressive discounts starting at noon. Susie will accept donations the week prior. Advertising suggestions included our newsletter, the hospital's newsletter (Steve), the Saint Cloud Times (Seal), and Charter Public Access. Pricing will be marked via colored dots. Pricing will occur the evening prior or morning thereof. In-kind donations forms will be available upon request. Sue has a cash box. Further discussion will occur at the March meeting.

Newsletter:

- Target date: mid-April
- Planned articles include (1) garage sale by Seal, (2) adapt a garden bed by Steve, (3) Neighborhood Proud Awards, (4) holiday lighting contest by Steve, (5) Fifth Avenue reconstruction by David, (6) HRA programs by Brandon, and (7) hospital update by Andra.
- The December 2013 "little library" article had an error. A correction may be published in April.
- Submit articles to Janet, who will give them to Julie by the third week of March.

Annual meeting:

- Possibly early September.
- Less formal. Perhaps a block party on Third Street between the Cathedral school buildings.
- A bounce castle would be a fun activity for children.
- Pizza, popcorn, and beverages.

Miscellaneous:

- Ice cream socials the first Mondays of June, July, and August?
- Historic ghost tales and tour.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 PM in Cathedral's conference room (door #1). All neighbors welcome.