

Northside -Hester Park Neighborhood Steering Committee June 5, 2014

Members Present: Seal Dwyer, Brandon Pauman, Joan Rydberg, Janet Reigstad, David Mohs, Ellen[Susie]Lies and guest Scott Zlotnik from the city.

6:30PM Meeting was called to order.

1]Special Guest Scott Zlotnik: Hester Park discussion and possible historical marker: Joan welcomed Scot to the meeting. Seal let him know of our desire to have a historical marker for our neighborhood like those in the Eastside and Lake George areas. Scott said he would need to know the area we would want to place it, the type of material, size and scope of the marker. He suggested if we want a granite marker that we contact some of the granite companies. [Sue will get a list of the companies from work]. He said that they would be able to help with the plans and designs and would print a proof that could be submitted to the City for approval. Scott said if we are planning to do an art type of monument as on the Eastside, we should contact the Arts Commission for suggestions. Once we have the plans and site chosen, we need to get a permit from the City. Scott asked if we were going to have the City pay for the marker, Seal told him the money for the project would come from our funds.

The next subject brought up was the Triangle Park on 7th Ave. Neighbors have been asking if they could put a community garden there. Scott said the City would feel that area was too risky because of the traffic that came through there, and the fact the there would be no place to expand once the garden got started and more neighbors would want to join in. Scott thought it would be a nice place to put an art piece or monument though. It was suggested that a marker honoring the elderly gentleman that always mowed and took care of that park could be placed there. When ask about a community garden in an alternative area, Scott said there would be no objection, but we would need to find an area where the garden could expand if necessary and would need someone to over see the garden.

Our next question was, could we plant trees in the park? Scott said we could, but would need permission from the city. When asked if we could plant trees on the open area above the treatment plant, Scott said that was not possible, because there was only 11 inches of dirt covering the roof area.

We then asked if there was anything that could be done with the weather worn picnic tables. Scott said the City has budgeted for new tables made from PVC type material for all the parks, and that they would be permanently mounted on a concrete base for easier lawn maintenance around them. This will take some time to complete, and a time table is not available. When asked if we could paint the tables, he said it would be better if they were sanded and stained and that the City would give us the supplies if we wanted to do the work.

The sales of glow sticks on the 4th by another party was addressed. Scott said that since it was

a large company that donates a lot towards the 4th Fireworks he did not think they could be asked not to sell them or asked to have them sell something else. We told him that the sale of the glow sticks was a big part of our fundraiser to keep the pool open at the end of the season. Scott said that they were already given the permit to sell the glow sticks.

Before Scott left, Joan told him she walked past the park and wanted him to know that the grounds man did a great job mowing and the park look beautiful. We also told him of the 19 bushes donated by Thompson's green house that we had planted. We thanked Scott for taking the time to attend our meeting.

1a] Park report: Raking and Cleanup: We had a good turn out. There were 186 bags filled plus some brush piled on top of the bags. Clean up was completed around noon and we had a good time visiting while working. We did a great job! Thanks everyone. Nineteen shrubs were donated by Thompson's greenhouse and were planted throughout the gardens and paths. A note of thanks will be sent to Thompson's. We discussed extending the pool hours after others had closed for the season. We all felt we would have the funds to do this. David motioned we do so Janet second the motion and the motion was approved by all. Joan will check to see what the cost will be to keep the pool open again this year.

2]Fundraiser-Garage Sale: Everyone felt we did very well with our garage sale and would like to have an annual one. Everyone thought it was a great way to socialize with our neighbors. We want to thank all the neighbors for their donations and help. Ideas for next year: continue to have it at the same location, and not join the SCSU garage sale event. [We enjoyed meeting and talking with our neighbors], make large posters explaining our pricing method and eliminating some of the colored stickers that were hard to tell apart when out in the sunlight, It was suggested that our lowest price point should start at .25 or .50 cents and work up from there and have fewer prices. We also need to make a better effort at filling out the in-kind donation forms.

3]Newsletter. The last newsletter made it out before our garage sale. Some of the articles written were not included because of the time constraint and will be included in the next newsletter. Many of our neighbors read the newsletter and thus donated items for the sale. We thank them for their generous donations. Our next newsletter is due out by September 15th. In order to meet that dead line, articles should be submitted by August 15th. Some articles to be included: The plans for the Ghost Tour in October, The Neighbor Proud program, the 4th of July Fundraiser, the new neighborhood web site David is working on, our garage sale. The City Comprehensive Plan and included a review on the HRA Program. An article on the SCNC review-election of committee members and how anyone who wishes can join and request a position on the ballot. We will also mention our Annual Neighborhood Meeting. Some of these articles have already been written and the new ones should be submitted by the 15th of August. If anyone has pictures of some of the events, please send them also.

4]Coalition Report: The last meeting was held at the Saint Cloud Library. Many things were discussed on several programs that were available to the community, such as help with lead abatement etc.

5]Treasurers Report: No up date due to illness in family. Pam sent deposit slips for money from garage sale.

6]Neighborhood Survey: report from Planning Commission meeting: Planning director presented our neighborhood's survey. No action was taken. The topic has been deferred into the city's next Comprehensive Plan. David said Jeff Georger advised us to get as large a representation of neighbors as possible to attend these planning sessions, to let the committee know how we would like our neighborhood zoned.

7] 4th Of July Fundraiser: Steve was unable to attend this meeting. We will have a meeting tomorrow at Seal and Brandon's house. Joan said she and her brother would again help set up. Sue also said she would be available for take down. The meeting will start at 6:30PM.

8]Other Fundraiser- Ghost Walk : We plan to hold the Ghost Walk on October 25th and will continue to make plans at upcoming meetings.

9]Ice Cream Social: Due to the lack of time and marketing we will put the social off until August 12th. We will make plans and get volunteers and how to get the word out at our July meeting.

10]Neighborhood Proud Program: Nominations; 1420 8th Ave. was nominated for the nice yard. Jim and Linda on 8th Ave [David will get a last name and address] nominated for building new step in front of their house. We will ask Steve to chose two names from our list we made last fall. Seal inquired about the inclusion of apartment buildings. She said that the Embassy apartment across the street made improvements by removing some old dying trees and replacing them with new ones.

After a discussion it was thought it would be to difficult to award someone who did not live in the apartment and only owned it. It was thought that we could possibly send them a thank you note letting them know we appreciate their efforts in keeping our neighborhood looking good.

11]Annual Meeting: Date chosen to hold the meeting is Friday October 3rd. Other plans will be made at future meetings.

12]Miscellaneous: Neighborhood e-mail list: Seal will start to compiling as many e-mail addresses as she can. Sue will get her a copy of the original list that was made by Kaye.

Web site Revamp: David states that the project is behind, but he hopes to have it launched by this weekend.

Next Hester Park Steering Committee Meeting will be Thursday July 2 at 6:30PM in Cathedral High School's conference room (door #1). EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Northside -Hester Park Neighborhood Independence Day Fundraiser Meeting June 6, 2014

Members present: David Mohs, Brandon Pauman, Seal Dwyer, Steve Lanz and Ellen[Susie]Lies.

Steve reported that the person he has always dealt with in obtaining our glow sticks etc. is going out of business. We discussed the possibility of getting our supplies from the Oriental Trading Company, and after checking out the prices and availability of items they have, we decided to take this route. Seal found several products online that we needed. Patriotic glow necklaces were 50 pieces for \$35.00, red white and blue glow glasses were 1 dozen for \$10.50. They carried the glow sticks. Steve will check in to the ordering. We chose to sell 2 kinds of ice cream novelties, keeping things simple, we chose the Chocolate malts and the bomb pops. Beverages will be- water, Root beer, Sprite, Mountain Dew and Coke Zero.

Steve will check with Chris & Nathan, who live across from the park to see if we can use their freezer again for our ice cream novelties. It was nice to have our supply so near to us. Steve has his list of volunteers and will contact them. He said he will ask Ann for the use of the tent. He has tables, we will need table covers. He will also check with Peter on the use of his wash tub to use as a cooler for the beverages for immediate sale. We will also need coolers. Seal and Susie have coolers. Seal suggested we get our ice from Taco Johns down town.

Sue will provide stakes to display our large signs. Steve will see if Peggy Carlson can make our advertising signs as she has in the past.

We will also check out the use of a generator for possible lighting at dusk. We are concerned about the noise. Sue has one that can be used.

We will do the final planing at the July 2nd Steering committee meeting.