

**Northside Hester Park Neighborhood  
Steering Committee Meeting  
Thursday August 7, 2014**

Members present: Seal Dwyer, Joan Rydberg, Steve Lanz, Ellen "Susie" Lies, Malcom and Mariana Nazareth.

1] Park Report: No new items to report. Joan stated that the park has been very well kept and looks good. The pool will be open again this year until the middle of August and will cost \$1000.00. Sue will check with Pam to see if we have received a bill from the city.

2] Financial Report: Pam e-mailed the report and stated there was a balance of \$5393.25 after the July expenses/deposits. Pam stated that she has been working with Heidi in regards to a discrepancy of funds taken from our NHP pot, that were not showing on reports that Pam had received. Pam will continue to work with Heidi on this.

3] Coalition Report: Seal stated that the annual picnic was held at her home and the meeting was held after the meal. She was unable to attend. Brandon did represent us at the meeting but was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

4] News Letter: All articles were due on August 15th. Seal will send out the list of articles via e-mail as a reminder. Send your articles to Seal when you have them.

5] Ice Cream Social: Due to the lack of time to prepare, we will cancel the ice cream social.

6] Neighborhood Proud: The four houses chosen are at 1201 7th Ave N, 714 7th Ave N, 1217 6th Ave N, and 500 17th St N. We also had several other houses that were nominated and will be put on our list for future awards. Thank you JJ Helm for making your nominations. Anyone can nominate a home they feel deserves recognition.

7] Ghost Walk: We continue to make plans. It was suggested that we form a committee of 3 or 4 people that would meet every two weeks to put plans together. Seal, Joan, Steve and Susie have volunteered to do this. The first meeting will be Thursday, August 14 at 6:30PM at Seal's home.

8] Annual Meeting: Steve will check with Andra our hospital representative

regarding the printing of post card for us again this year. The meeting will be Friday, October 3 from 5:30PM to 7:30 PM in the Cathedral High School Cafeteria. We will use the House Of Pizza for catering. An extra meeting will be scheduled at the September 4 steering committee meeting to make final plans for the annual event. It was suggested that we have some music at the meeting. Seal will check on a band. It was also felt that we should have new pictures of the neighborhood to show on the overhead screen while neighbors are arriving.

9] Meet Your Neighbor Night Out: Those that attended this event thought it was well attended by our neighbors and was fun meeting new neighbors. The event was sponsored by KNSI radio represented by Bob Hughes, the police department represented by John Justin and also by Lutgen Siding, Woodland Chiropractic giving massages and Affinity Bank. A note of thanks will be sent to Bob Hughes thanking the sponsors for this wonderful night out.

10] Holiday Fundraiser: We will continue to address this at the September meeting.

11] Miscellaneous: Steve passed around the award certificate, acknowledging our Neighborhood Proud program. It was presented to Steve and several members at the City Council Meeting on July 28.

A discussion was held regarding the sale of glow sticks verses root beer floats for the next 4th of July fund raiser. We need to make the most from our sales in a very short space of time. It was felt that if we had T-shirts with a larger print identifying who we were -- "The Northside-Hester Park Fundraiser Committee" -- we possibly could do better with our sales when walking through the park. These shirts would be kept and worn each year by whomever is selling.

It was stated that we need to get more neighbors involved on the committee, and we need to stress this at our annual neighborhood meeting. We will also continue to talk about this after the get together. It was also felt we should form a committee to recruit new members.

We discussed using some of our funds to donate to the fireworks next year. We will check with Pam to see if this will go towards our matching funds for the grant money. We also felt that perhaps we should check with the fireworks committee to see if there was some way we could be of help to them. We will continue to discuss this at up coming meetings.

It was mentioned that David is working on compiling a list of home-based businesses in the neighborhood.

Malcom suggested that we have articles on the diversity in the neighborhood and include pictures with the articles. We all felt this is a good idea. It was mentioned that at one time we did have a feature article called "Meet Your Neighbor". Perhaps we could return to this feature in the newsletter.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6:30PM in Cathedral High School's conference room (door #1). Everyone is welcome. Please Join us.