

# Northside-Hester Park Steering Committee

Thursday, September 4, 2014

Cathedral High School's Conference Room

Members Present: Steve Lanz, David Mohs, Ellen[Susie]Lies, Pam Hagen, Joan Rydberg, Seal Dwyer, Brandon Paumen, Janet Regstad and John Augustin.

1]Park Report: The pool is now closed. The city has been paid the \$1000.00 for the extended time into August.

2]Financial Report: Pam said she has been working with Heidi and the missing funds have been found and placed back into our our account. Our total deposit shows \$2066.34. We have reached \$1702.86 towards our matching fund goal of \$1900.00. David will check with Cathedral High School on what the cost of the use of the meeting room would be. This should count toward our goal of matching the fund.

3]Coalition Report:

- a) A presentation was given by the City regarding storm water drains and rain gardens. It was suggested that we invite someone to a future meeting and give us information on the subjects.
- b) The CNCS get-together was held at Seal and Brandon's house.
- c) A fundraiser is planned for September 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Red Carpet Martini Bar. Each neighborhood representative in the coalition was asked to sell 10 tickets each at \$12.00 apiece. David will place a notice on the website and Seal will post it on Facebook.

4]Newsletter: Articles had not been submitted by the deadline set last month. We will try to get out the newsletter as soon as possible. Please submit your articles to Seal by next Monday September 8. Steve said he has an article on the Gorecki House by Andra. Other articles were on the Ghost Walk, Annual Meeting, Fourth of July, Neighborhood Proud Winners, Cathedral High School's International Students program, and Joan's book. These should also be sent to Seal by Monday. If possible we will get some pictures of our Neighborhood Proud winners.

5]Walk in the Park: The Times sponsored a "Walk in the Park" with reported Kerrie Petrie. David was the only one present from the committee. He said there were 20 people that came for the walk. Most were either city or hospital staff. A representative from the water treatment plant talked about the plant and its underground tanks. David was asked what he thought about the Gorecki House expansion by a hospital representative. After the presentation by the water treatment personnel, everyone formed into small groups and walked through the park. David of this committee's effort to restore the walls and bridges and the work that is being done in the flower beds. Several of the committee members would like to have attended, but the time of the walk was inconvenient as far as work and other commitments.

6]Neighborhood Proud Award: 4 homes were chosen for September. They are Glen Palm 626 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, John Eder 324 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jessica Baker 1242 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and CP Henning 1428 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

7]Ghost Walk: The planned date for the walk is Saturday, October 25 from 4:30PM to 6:30 PM. It will be a slow 12 block stroll up 6th Avenue back down 7th Avenue, with a stop at Susie's house for refreshments on the patio and a second stop at Seal and Brandon's. The plans are to serve foods such as mini quiche, spanacopida, some-sweet, coffee and cider. Seal and Brandon will be entertaining with music. While walking slowly down the street a guide will be giving a history of the neighborhood and

telling a ghost story or two. Our guides will be Seal dress as Jane Grey Swisshelm and Janet in costume as a nun. John will be dressed at Saint Cloud and give his presentation while the group arrives at their first stop. It was decided to print 100 tickets to be sold at \$10.00 each. We will have 2 to 3 tours of people in small groups. It was suggested we invite the Mayor and a few others such as council members etc. to the event. We will be talking about the Ghost Walk Fundraiser at our Annual Meeting.

8]Annual Meeting: The meeting will take place on Friday October 3rd from 6:00PM to 8:30PM. We will have The House Of Pizza cater the event as we have before and Pam will make the arrangements. Steve will obtain the pop and water. The Hospital will be printing the post cards and sending them out. Final printing will be September 10 and mailed the following week. We plan to show pictures of the neighborhood and time permitting we we will add some new pictures. David has reserved the cafeteria and has made a list of things we will need, such as tables and audio visual systems. We will have the help of the Cathedral High staff in setting up the tables etc.. Susie will get the flowers for the tables and Joan will get the table cloths. Susie will also bring the sign in sheets and the name tags. Door prizes will be in the form of gift certificates from Books Revisited, Mathew Hall Lumber, St. Cloud Hospital Gift Shop, Coborn's, and Mexican Village. It was agreed by all the members that we would get 5 \$25.00 gift certificates, one from each of the 5 mentioned businesses. Steve do this for us. The door prizes will be awarded towards the end of the meeting. Seal suggested and it was agreed to use Command hooks to hang our signs etc. on the walls. We will meet at 5:00PM to set up. The meeting will be kept short and elections will be held for committee officers. Seal will conduct the meeting and talk briefly about the election, the Ghost Walk Fund Raiser and encourage our neighbors to join the steering committee as members. Besides the postcards and our newsletter the meeting will be posting the meeting on HesterPark.org

9]Neighborhood Watch:It was suggested a small presentation be made at the meeting encouraging to form Neighborhood Watch teams in their blocks. We have had Officer John Justin talk at previous Annual Meetings.

10]Holiday Fundraiser: Since we will have met our matching funds by December, we have decided to turn the fundraiser into a "party" for the committee members to be held after the yearly annual [sleigh ride] holiday lighting and decorating contest winners are chosen. Everyone will meet at Susie's for fun and treats. More plans at future meetings.

11]Miscellaneous: David received a letter from a neighborhood landlord [429 7th Ave.] stating he keeps is rental unit presentable. David said that this landlord was one who responded to his survey and would like to see the R 1 rating in the area. David will respond to his letter and let him know we appreciate his efforts.

The next Hester Park Steering Committee meeting will be Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 6:30 PM in Cathedral High School's conference room. Enter via door #1. Everyone is welcome. Please join us and consider becoming a committee member.