

Northside Hester Park Steering Committee

Thursday, March 5, 2015

Cathedral High School Conference Room

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

1. Reconvene and set up agenda for spring: Scott Zlotnik will be invited to the April meeting. It was suggested we put Scott first on the agenda. A list was made to present to Scott, including, upkeep of the park by our members and possibly some kind of help from the City. We would also ask if he would be willing to do a yearly visit giving updates concerning the parks. At the April meeting we will present a list of things we would like to accomplish in the park. Joan will compile a list during this meeting. We will ask if there is any way we should become involved with the Beaver Island Trail project. Is there anything we can do to help. At a future meeting we would like someone to come and talk about the rain gardens and how one can be established for those who are interested in having one.
2. Volunteer Committees: We would like to get neighbors more involved. It was suggested we put together a database of neighbors willing help with our different events. It was thought we could start this process at the spring garage sale, by having a clip board with a sign up sheet that would list the different events the neighbor would be interested in volunteering for and asking for contact information. Name, address, phone number and e-mail address, and preferred method of contact. David created a mailing list on our www.HesterPark.org web site and said he has some responses. He will put an announcement on the site about our volunteer sign up program. We would also like the renters in our neighborhood to know that they are our neighbors too and would like them to become involved by giving us there input and also joining us as committee members. We welcome all neighbors.
3. Parks: We will still plan to have the spring cleanup of the flower beds on Sunday April 26th starting at 10:00AM, meeting at the north bridge by the tennis court. Neighbors can meet us there. We ask that they bring a rake and gloves, we will supply collection bags and refreshments. The cleanup will depend on the weather. Joan will call Scott Zlotnik to see if he is available for our April meeting. She has compiled a list of our requests and questions at this meeting.
4. Budget: Janet reported that our \$2000.00 grant was approved and we will need to match that \$2000.00 in the coming year.
5. It was asked where we should take the money from to fund the extended pools hours if we should decide to keep it open longer this year. It was also suggested that we ask if we could have an adult pool party included in that fee. We thought it would be a fun night out for our adult neighbors. One fundraising thought for the pool was to put a donation box out at our events with a sign stating "Help Keep Our Pool Open". It was thought that we could start with the garage sale.
6. SCNC: Janet is now the Chair of SCNC. She said at the last meeting the comprehensive plans of the City on planning and development were presented. She went over some of that presentation. She brought with her an application for the Participating Neighborhood Organizations to be filled out. It was agreed and voted unanimously that Janet, John and Brandon remain our representatives. Chairperson Seal signed the application. Janet will submit it.
7. Beaver Island Trail: This was talked about earlier in the meeting.
8. Newsletter: Steve and Andra have submitted their articles. David will relay a reminder to respective staff at Cathedral about the request of an article on families for international students and also on the advertising and contact information for the program. Seal has her articles ready. Sue will get the pictures of the lighting contest to Seal. Brandon and Seal felt that the newsletter would go out as scheduled.
9. Miscellaneous: Sue passed around a thank you note from Dee Henning thanking us for the Neighborhood Proud Award in fall of 2014.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 6:30PM in Cathedral High School's conference room. Use door #1.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!