

# Northside-Hester Park Neighborhood

Steering Committee Minutes  
Thursday, May 7, 2015 6:30PM

Members Present: Janet Reigstad, Joan Rydberg, Brandon Pauman, Seal Dwyer, Ellen[Sue]Lies, Steve Lans, David Mohs.

1]Park Report: Joan said nine people showed for the spring clean up and 150 bags were fill. She requests that we go to the park when we can to keep an eye on the park and pick up and weed etc. as needed. Janet suggested we send thank you notes to the neighbors that helped with the cleanup and passed around cards for us to sign. She will mail them. Joan met with Scott Zlotnik in the park to show him the dead juniper bushes we would like removed. He took pictures and will send them to Chris. He thought the bushes would either be removed or cut down to to the base of the bush. Joan suggested we put pieces of granite in the empty spots. Sue felt we should plant some kind of low bush to replace them. Joan also suggested using elephant ear hostas to fill in the space. Joan will call the City to make sure the sprinklers are turned on and functioning. Joan said she would like to see the pool hours extended again this year. Janet and Sue also felt it should be kept open. Joan will check to see if we could be refunded or credited the \$1000.00 if the pool is unable to be kept open for the agreed amount of time.

David presented some ideas for the fence on the water treatment plant to make is more appealing when the hiking and biking trails come through. He showed some pictures of birds on a fence and suggested we do something similar. He also showed pictures of what we could do with a marker or sign for the entrance to the park. It was suggested that we wait until the trail were being built in the area and that perhaps we could get the use of capital funding to do this.

The subject of donating to the 4th of July Fireworks fund was discussed. \$500.00 was suggested. It was also suggested we check to see what amount was needed to be a sponsor.

Steve motioned we use \$1000.00 to extend the pool hours and check on the possibility of a refund or credit for hours not used. Sue second the motion and all agreed.

2]Financial Report: Pam sent Seal the report. We have \$5,805.32 of which \$3,955.32 is neighborhood funds and \$1,850.00 is IF funds.

3]SCNC Report: They had a speaker giving information on how to get volunteers. One suggesting was enticing people with food. One of our of our members said "Come for the food-Stay to make a difference". Rebranding our meetings was also suggested to generate more members and volunteers. We could possibly send out post cards about the rebranding. Janet will send Seal a list of of the brainstorming done at the SCNC meeting.

4]Garage Sale: The garage sale will be Saturday, May 16 from 8AM to 2PM. Setup will be Friday, April 15 in the evening. Advertisement will be through e-mail and FaceBook. Seal has talked to Carrie Petrie at the St. Cloud Times and will check about getting it on WJON.

David said we had 30 people respond to our e-mail site and Seal said we had more checking out FaceBook. We will place our banners in the yards and put out garage sale signs. Joan will be making containers for pool donations, Steve will bring the aprons from Matthew Hall and Seal will get the

change for the cashiers. It was suggested we check with Matthew Hall Lumber Co. to see if they would post a notice on their sign hanging on their building.

5]4th of July Fundraiser: Steve said he has not received the usual paperwork for the fundraiser and will call Scott Zlotnik. It was mentioned that Kristi Laliberte showed some interest in heading the fundraiser. Steve said he would help guide whomever took over the heading of the program. It was suggested that we sell water, pop, and glow stick and omit the ice cream novelties. Steve has the Oriental Trading Co. catalog and Joan will look into ordering items in June.

6]Neighborhood Proud: We will begin the program this month. Nominations are

- Louis Jullie, 626 9th Avenue
- Allan Gall, 303 8th Avenue
- Mary Kubal, 821 6th Avenue
- Jennifer Schwanberg, 1353 8th Avenue

7]Miscellaneous: It was reported that not all our neighbors received the newsletter. David showed the mailing area we thought was covered. The mailing area will be readdressed and it will also be checked that the printer has the correct mailing information. Seal felt we should have a meeting , possibly at our annual meeting, to explain the HRA loans/grants available to neighbors for home improvements.

Any neighbor who would like to join the steering committee or volunteer for various projects please come to our meetings held the first Thursday of the month at 6:30PM at Cathedral High School lower level conference room, or contact one of the current members. A list is on our website. Everyone who lives in the neighborhood is welcome.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 PM in Cathedral High School's conference room. Enter via door one. We will be finalizing the 4th of July fundraiser plans. PLEASE JOIN US.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!**