

Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park Meeting Minutes: 5/2/2024 (7 – 7:50PM)

Attendees (7): Jim Fennell, Sandy Owens, Nancy van Arkel, Bob Strunk, Joan Markoe, Roz Franklin, and Grace Hanrahan.

Jim Fennell moderated the meeting. The draft minutes of the April meeting were approved with corrections on calendar dates.

Calendar of Events:

Parks-on-Tap	Wed 5/1 – Fri 5/3	4 – 10 PM	Benefits Parks & Recreation
	Sat 5/4 – Sun 5/5	12 – 10 PM	
May Clean-up	Saturday 5/11/2024	10 AM	“Love Your Park” Clean-up
June Meeting	Thursday 6/6/2024	7 PM	Monthly Meeting
June Clean-up	Saturday 6/8/2024	10AM	Monthly Clean-up

Parks-on-Tap: This program is partnership between Parks & Recreation and FCM Hospitality which provides the food and drink. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the parks. Baldwin Park has been selected to host Parks-on-Tap twice this year. The dates are:

Wednesday 5/1 – Sunday 5/5

Wednesday 8/21 – Sunday 8/25

For more details, check out the website: <https://www.parksontap.com/>

Park Maintenance: For the “Love Your Park” clean-up on May 11th, Nancy van Arkel suggested that the clean-up focus on weeding the sedum bed on the southeast side of the park. From Parks & Recreation, we will receive bags, tee shirts, and a “Home Depot” gift card. In the future, Nancy also mentioned we would like our park to be designated an arboretum. To do so, we need to show that the park has 25 different species of trees. First, we will want to review the tree inventory that Joe Walsh did a couple of years ago. If necessary, we may need to purchase and plant more tree species.

Treasurer’s Report: Joan Markoe presented the monthly Treasurer’s report for April.

PNC Bank Statement for Period 04/01/2024 - 04/30/2024

Beginning Balance	\$42,810.63	
Deposits	\$ 6,148.30	(Dues & Donations)
Deductions	\$ 8,527.50	
Ending Balance	\$40,431.43	

Deductions

* \$8,502.50 for 50% deposit on new park signs

* \$25.00 for a refund to a member who mistakenly paid for membership twice.

Membership Drive: Since the membership drive began on April 1st, Roz Franklin reported that we currently have 82 members (74 renewals and 8 new members).

The 8 new members have contributed \$525, or an average of \$65 per member.

The 74 renewing members have contributed \$5,800 or an average of \$78 per member.

The total collected is \$6,325. Here is the breakdown of members by building or complexes:

Tivoli 36, City View 16, Fountain View 6, Hamilton Townhouses 3, Kennedy House 2, and one each from One Franklin Town, North X Northwest, The Granary, and the Dalian.

Park Signs: Jim Fennell reported that we paid a 50% deposit for the new park signs. In reviewing our design for the signs, we were instructed to obtain a clearer copy of the Baldwin Park train logo. Also, we cannot include the name or the QR Code of the Baldwin Park website, because the website name may change over time.

Park Friends Network Meeting: Jim Fennell reported that at the Zoom May 1st meeting they announced that for Movie Night, the contractor will contact us. We must submit a park permit application but will not be charged a fee. Nancy van Arkel will submit the application.

Baldwin Park History: Jim Fennell received a DVD from Athena Tacha, the landscape architect, who designed the park. The DVD contains a video shot with VHS cameras which documents the actual process of constructing the park. Jim hopes to get the video converted so that it might be uploaded to our website and viewed by others. Also, in going through his archives, Jim found a December 2007 summary of our first park meeting from Susan Davis of the Percent for Art Program. In that meeting, attendees listed many of the park's problems which included: fixing the stone walls, cleaning up the planting beds, adding more plantings, fixing the benches, and adding better lighting. Since 2007, the Friends of Matthias Baldwin Park, working with Parks & Recreation, has addressed many of these problems and continue to work on them today.

Website News:

Visit our website to learn more about the history of Matthias Baldwin Park:

<https://www.baldwinparkphilly.org/history-baldwin-park>

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Grace Hanrahan.