

Northside Alive Committee Meeting

2024

DATE: Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024

TIME: 12:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Introductions

2. Updates: (5 min)

- a. Friendship Park - Project Funding!
 - i. We got a grant! Big News! The City of Bethlehem applied for several grants to support the cost of the Friendship Park renovations. We just received word that the city was awarded \$747,966.00 from through the National Park Service's Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP). See the announcement here: [\\$58.3 million in grants for park and recreation projects](#)
 - ii. HRG is almost done with the construction documents. They are making some final adjustments before getting the items finalized for bidding. Our NPDES permit remains under review with the state. It should be issued end of May/early June. Once we have the permits the project can go out to bid. The goal is still to have construction start later this summer.
- b. Free Little Library
 - i. Installation Locations: PW will be installing the free little libraries that were purchased at the end of last year in April/May. One will be located in Elmwood Park and one will be near the monocacy creek in Johnston Park.
- c. Pet Waste
 - i. Approved - Installation Locations & Maintenance
 1. In our march meeting the topic of trash was brought up. We are still looking into options for additional trash cans and a third party to service provider to empty any new cans. However, in the meantime we were able to find a third party service provider that will pick up dog-waste and service dog waste stations (cans/bags). Grounds agreed to assist with the installation of these waste stations if we were to purchase them and maintain them.

3. Events (upcoming & previous) ****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**** (10 min)

Please consider signing up to provide support at an upcoming event: [Sign Me Up!](#)

- a. [Northside Alive Community Block Party: Block Party 2024](#)
 - i. Saturday, May 11th 2024
4:00PM - 8:00PM

- b. Northside Network (BASD): Housing Resource Fair
 - i. Tuesday, April 2nd 2024
5:30-7:00PM
- c. [Movie Night @ Elmwood](#)
 - i. Wednesday, June 12th 2024
Pre-Movie Activities start at 5:30
Movie starts at sunset
- d. Schedule for the year (attached)
 - i. The committee agreed to move forward with the proposed 2024 event schedule. We will continue to host the annual Block Party as well as community clean ups, and yoga. We will participate in several other events this year with community partners and plan to try a few new events that have been suggested (Music in the Park, a Neighborhood Yard Sale, and a Restaurant Week).

4. Planning

- a. Community Event Planning (45 min)
 - i. Break-Out Groups: Block Party, Clean Ups/Garbage Olympics, Yard Sale, Restaurant Week (25 min)
 - 1. Due to low attendance we stayed as one group. We discussed plans for a community yard sale and divided out tasks for marketing needed for Block Party and the Yard Sale.
 - 2. We agreed to host two community clean ups. We are still in need of some volunteers to help support these events. Please reach out if you would be interested in coordinating two community clean ups.
 - ii. Next Steps & Action Items - Deadline Friday, April 19th.
 - 1. Creating Google Sign Up & Map**
 - a. Gorge
 - i. Community Yard Sale
Saturday, June 22nd *Rain Date June 23rd
8:00AM - 1:00PM
 - 2. Graphics (flyers, yard signs, social, etc):**
 - a. Colleen: Community Yard Sale
 - b. Meg: Block Party

5. Open Floor