

## MINUTES

Twinbrook Citizens Association Executive Committee  
Regular Monthly Meeting at the Twinbrook Community Center  
November 27, 2007 at 7:00

Executive Committee members present: Christina Ginsberg (President), Judy Miller (VP), Steven Wilcox (Secretary), Todd Harrison (Traffic and Transportation), Rich Gottfried (Outreach), Geoffrey Wendel (Environment), Chris Cox (Education).

### Topics

#### 1. Hjarman Cordero (Rockville's liaison)

Resurfacing Veirs Mill and curb repair is in the works; bus stops are being replaced and the sidewalk will connect to the Twinbrook Shopping Center. The city would like to present improvement plans next year.

#### 2. Parks

Reeve Brenner gave his "Bank Shot Basketball" pitch, advocating drop-in facilities for children that would be inviting to those with Down's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, autism and other disabilities and available without special arrangements or fees. He agreed that the Twinbrook Community Center was not turning anyone away, but made the distinction between "accessible", which is achieved, and "inclusive", which goes beyond that to include whether the activity is inviting and interesting to these children. He said it was good there are programs, but asked for inclusive, outdoor facilities (that do not have a charge). See <http://www.bankshot.com/> for more on this.

Christina said we will need to think about how to make our current parks more accessible/usable, used differently, more attractive, etc., and encourages input on how to do that.

#### 1. Hjarman Cordero (Rockville's liaison), continued

The Recreation Department is doing a study of recreation facilities and encourages public participation.

On 12/4 the City will have a kickoff meeting on the first stage of the Rockville Pike Redesign at Ramada Inn.

#### 3. Lt. Over

- Arson investigations: They have incarcerated a person of interest, but the investigation is continuing.
- Safeway shooting incident: Investigation is on-going.
- Crime Statistics: Nothing out the ordinary.
- They will look into the Ring Street incidents (pointed out by Christina).
- No more to report on LVL after their project to identify gang members and arrest any violations.

#### On speeding

- Discussed Wainwright speeding concerns raised by a few of the membership and will look into Capt. England's commitment to a speed indication.

- Rich asked about speeders on Twinbrook Parkway and maybe having moving speed cameras.

Christina asked for a report on all fires (most were actually carelessness). Lt. Over said the map exists, and will get it to us.

#### 4. Inspector Aubertin had things to talk about

- He is charged with identifying vacant properties, and counts 70+ vacant homes (both sides of Twinbrook).
- They are working on the Ring St. landlord.
- On the topic of rebuilding after a fire, he noted that a lot of permits are needed to tear down and replace a burnt-out house.

#### 5. RORZOR Presentation (Art and Jim)

The RORZOR zoning ordinance is going to the Planning Commission in January, then to the City for a hearing. The Mayor and Council could adopt it in June. There are significant changes including a new zoning map, and expect more. A few highlights include changes to some of the standards for RGO, more restrictive height limits, changes to lot coverage limits, and regulation of home-based businesses. The final Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for January 23.

There was much concern over the height and floor area ratio limits in the new zoning proposal. Steve asked how many Twinbrook houses would be nonconforming and Brigitta Mullican asked about actual examples of enlargement, to see what the new rules really imply. Christina expressed the concern that the assessed valuation and actual market value would drop due to the new limits. She also noted that Twinbrook residents do not seem to care about the “mansionization” issue, which is a misleading issue because it refers to normal houses.

#### 6. Executive Committee Business

- The Executive Committee Minutes for October 6, 2007 and October 30, 2007 are approved.
- Steve Wilcox is approved as Secretary (reiterating the same action on 10/6/07).
- Rich Gottfried is approved as Treasurer.
- Todd Harrison is approved as Member At Large East (to replace the vacancy left by Allison Moser).