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Twinbrook Citizens Association Executive Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting at the Twinbrook Community Center
July 27, 2010 at 7:00

Executive Committee members present: Christina Ginsberg (President), Judy Miller (VP), Steven Wilcox (Secretary), Virginia Quesada (Membership), Rich Gottfried (Treasurer), Tim Fahey (Traffic and Transportation), Karl Harger (Neighborhood Outreach)

The above Executive Committee members constituted a quorum.

Membership Form / Dues Structure

Virginia presented the differences between the official TCA membership form and the version distributed by the opposing slate in the last election. Brigitta rose to defend her actions and there was a vigorous back-and-forth discussion, in which Virginia, Christina, Tim Fahey and Steve joined in.

Bob Pittman suggested sending out a request for membership to the community at large.

Brigitta also brought up her issue with household memberships. Looking over the several related sections of the Bylaws, we clarified that the Bylaws do not mandate individual memberships as the only possibility as it delegates the setting of dues to the Executive Committee.

Cheryl suggested clarifying the form. There were suggestions to use the new software to update the list and Bob suggested getting a list of new residents from the City. There were volunteers for a membership drive.

Judy presented a proposed dues statement saying that

Dues shall be \$12 per household. All persons who reside in the household shall be considered resident members and entitled to vote.

Dr. Wilcox moved to approve the dues statement, with Karl seconding.

There was a suggestion to put the household membership criterion in the form, which was generally agreeable. Virginia also liked the suggestion of her working out a revised form.

Judy indicated the need for a returned check policy, as we paid the bank \$7.50 for our depositing an NSF item. She suggested the policy that applicants are not a member until dues are paid plus the actual returned check fee:

Any applicant whose check is returned for insufficient funds shall be required to pay the membership amount plus the actual returned check fee charged to the organization in order to be granted membership status.

This was passed unanimously.

Edmonston Drive Modifications

We discussed Edmonston drive improvements and the Atlantic Avenue concrete work, as well as the fee for curb cuts and the fact that there is no additional fee to maintain the curb cut.

Christina stated that the Edmonston sidewalk was a missing link we asked to be filled five years ago. Her question to us was whether we want to endorse the chosen sidewalk approach, as the City will only do it if the community supports it. There was a discussion of this. There was a suggestion to poll residents of the affected area.

Christina also brought up the \$150,000 allocated for traffic calming on Twinbrook Parkway near Baltimore Road, noting that they are looking for suggestions. We discussed the other side of the road, but that is County and what was done was not particularly effective.

We discussed the mistiming of the lights at the new development near Twinbrook Parkway and the traffic problem by that and the paving project.

We discussed storm damages.

Christina asked us to weigh in on the Fee-in-Lieu policy, which relates to the RORZOR zoning deal on public use space which they are looking to reverse. Did we want to send in a commentary on this? We then discussed fee-in-lieu. The consensus was that they should adhere to the original deal. Tim moved to approve our drafting a letter on this—passed unanimously.

Schools

Cheryl discussed Twinbrook's being on the list for assessment for modernization, giving extensive details. She noted that the feasibility study for additional building was originally due to the estimated number of students, and we successfully rallied around adding it to the list for assessment. We discussed the process and its moving forward.

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Judy moved to approve the Minutes for 6/20/2010 and 6/29/2010. This passed unanimously.

And then we adjourned.