

## MINUTES

Twinbrook Citizens Association General Membership Meeting  
Election Meeting at Twinbrook Community Center  
June 29, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Members of the Executive Committee were present as well as a separate cast of experienced election judges and large number of members.

Members checked in with the Membership Chair / Treasurer at the entrance and renewed their dues if needed. At check-in, members were stamped on the wrist as a credential to show the election judges.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

### Report of The Nominating Committee

As presented in the letter to the membership dated June 11, the report of the Nominating Committee was as follows:

PRESIDENT: Christina Ginsberg  
VICE PRESIDENT: Judy Miller  
SECRETARY: Dr. Steven Wilcox  
TREASURER: Richard A. Gottfried  
MEMBER AT LARGE WEST: Virginia Quesada  
MEMBER AT LARGE EAST: Rachel Sultanik

### Nominations

In accordance with the Bylaws, Judy called for additional nominations from the floor.

For President, Bill Nickels nominated Brigitta Mullican and Harry Thomas nominated himself. Both consented.

For Vice President, Bill Nickels nominated Robert Pittman, with Brigitta saying she had a letter with his consent.

For Secretary, Bill Nickels nominated Carol Hannaford, who accepted the nomination.

For Treasurer, Ruddy Martinez was nominated, with his wife verbally conveying his acceptance of the nomination. We deemed her agency as valid for this purpose.

No nominations from the floor were made for Member-At-Large East or West.

### Voting

The voting procedure was for the electors to mark their preference beside the candidate of their choice with the names of those candidates nominated from the floor being written in. The

candidates' names were written on large pieces of paper posted at the front. Brigitta Mullican held up a fan indicating her slate.

After the voting, the judges took the ballots into the kitchen, where they counted ballots while TCA conducted the other business of the meeting.

#### Judge and Resident Recognitions

Judy recognized Phil and Fran Gherkin. Phil gave a speech in praise of how easy it is to get involved in civic affairs in Rockville. He said it was a real joy tonight and hoped we would take an even more active part in being a live citizen here.

#### Treasurer's Report

Rich reviewed the forms we have filed – 990 and personal property tax. He reported that as of May 31, TCA had \$5,479.69 (?) in four types of accounts, including three CDs, about which he gave details. Rich bragged of the great rate he got (2.01%), which got some laughs. Income for May was \$24.

Rich answered a question about why TCA has so much in savings—the three-year guideline is at issue, and answered another about the inflexibility of two-year CDs. His fiscal year-end report will be at the July meeting, as June was not over yet.

#### Report from the PTA

The incoming Twinbrook Elementary School PTA president spoke at length on the issue of a possible building upgrade. Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has a 700-760 student forecast for Twinbrook and is conducting a one-year review of its building upgrade needs.

MCPS is reviewing their standards for upgrading/building, and the Board is looking at changing the criteria. The 1985 cutoff would say that no upgrade is needed, but folks did not think it was a real modernization at the previous upgrade (in the 1985-1990 period). She urged everybody to write/email, asking MCPS to consider Twinbrook at this point.

She also discussed portable classroom utilization, class size, and Twinbrook's special education cluster.

Christina cited the Meadow Hall gym as precedent that our letters made the difference. She also said we have put them on notice to do for us what they do for College Gardens.

Robert Ostlund supported the initiative and said we need to understand the process. He will hand out CIP manuals.

Christina also brought up the money from JBG for traffic mitigation, which is becoming available. This traces back to the list of community needs Harry Thomas put in a six years ago. We saw a set of proposed traffic circles/mitigations at TCA recently, and they have promised to come back with revisions. Christina wants the money to be spent in the community and will need support on this later in the year.

Harry Thomas mentioned a new sidewalk being placed and gave some pointers concerning mobile traffic cameras. He also reviewed some of the mitigations that will come out to the JBG money.

### Election Results

Finally, the judges emerged with results. There were 121 ballots and no spoils, with votes as follows:

#### PRESIDENT

*Christina Ginsberg	64
Brigitta Mullican	50
Harry Thomas	6

#### VICE PRESIDENT

*Judy Miller	71
Robert Pittman	46

#### SECRETARY

*Dr. Steven Wilcox	65
Carol Hannaford	56

#### TREASURER

*Richard A. Gottfried	76
Ruddy Martinez	44

#### MEMBER AT LARGE WEST

*Virginia Quesada	95
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#### MEMBER AT LARGE EAST

*Rachel Sultanik	95
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