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Twinbrook Citizens Association Executive Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting at the Twinbrook Community Center
May 25, 2010 at 7:00

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

A quorum was attained with Rich's arrival.

Topics

Police Report (Maj England)

- A 10% decrease in crime was reported – one attack at Twinbrook was a false report.
- Tom Howley is the new chief of code enforcement.
- The mowing enforcement contractor has just started up, but should not be regarded as a mowing service as the homeowner receives two \$100 tickets first.

Neighborhood Coordinator (Hjarman Cordero)

June 5 is Twinbrook Day in the Park (from 11 to 2). It is spread out between and including the Rockcrest Ballet Center and the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center and includes a concert, obstacle course for bikes, etc., and free pool from 2 to 4. TCA will have a membership table.

They had a speed camera meeting with residents. It turns out that residents have reasons to dislike them in front of their homes. No new speed cameras are under contract. There are new gray boxes that are mobile speed cameras.

Christina looked over a page from the budget book on CIPs (which is actually on the City's Website), and observed that many of the CIPs were revised by staff from her submissions, and there was a detailed discussion of this.

We are reminded of the Hometown Holidays on Memorial Day weekend.

Schools (Cheryl Pierce, the outgoing president of the Twinbrook Elementary PTA)

The proposal for two additional portables seems to have been killed – PTA did not want them. Twinbrook has been triggered for an addition to the school (81-91 more students mostly from the neighborhood, but this is a Montgomery County School System estimate, which is off). There have been no kids from the Alaire yet. An addition is being discussed, but feasibility is an issue. The principal, the PTA, and the teachers feel that they cannot just keep on putting band-aids and spreading out as the facility is not in good shape. She wants to get resident and PTA involvement outside of official school system committees. The school was built in 1952. There was a "modernization" but Cheryl doubts how thoroughly it was actually modernized. PTA has asked the City to help lobby the school system on this issue.

ARNA will have a candidates' forum for the at-large Montgomery County candidates during the primary race—Christina wants questions for the candidates from Cheryl.

Recreation Center (Kelly)

- Excited about June 5

- The Rec Center has a program from 3 to 6 PM for six weeks for \$35, which is cheaper than camp.
- The Rec Center is now at 50% cost recovery.

Christina commended Kelly on the job she has been doing.

Item 6a, Zoning issues

The Executive Committee discussed the Victory Housing situation and the developer's technique of assembly and reassembly, in which the lot size requirements are satisfied by common open areas that are away from the housing unit. This could lead to a temptation to develop the common open areas in the future, which would defeat the intent of the zoning ordinance. Quorum having been reached, we agreed unanimously to send a letter of concern on text amendments to perform assembly and reassembly.

Virginia was concerned about the possibility that the City Council could sell parks to developers in the future. She wants a referendum against selling parks without a resident vote. This would be part of the 2011 city election, but it takes time to get signatures, etc.

Item 6b, Development Review Committee Meetings

The Development Review Committee (DRC) is a meeting between developers and staff. TCA has asked to attend these, but they have been closed in the past. On May 6, Christina went to a DRC meeting. Now there is a two-week notice for these meetings.

We discussed the Edmonston traffic calming issue.

Executive Committee Appointment

Christina appointed Tim Fahey as Chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee. This was agreed to by a vote.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Gottfried noted that the Form 990 and personal property tax forms have been filed, and that we are in good shape. We have moved funds to Acacia Bank for an 18 month CD with 2+% annual percentage rate, which was the highest he could find.

Other Matters

Bob Pittman urged a massive membership campaign be conducted every once in a while, maybe a postcard mailed at 17 cents.

The Annual Membership Meeting is June 29.

Adjourned