

MINUTES

Twinbrook Citizens Association Executive Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting at the Twinbrook Community Center
September 28, 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 (Traffic and Transportation), Karl Harger (Neighborhood Outreach), Robert Moriarty (appointed to Neighborhood Watch during the meeting)

The above Executive Committee members constituted a quorum.

Minutes

Judy moved to approve the Minutes of 7/27/2010, Virginia seconding. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report / Budget (Rich)

As e-mailed to the Executive Committee earlier, we have \$6,660 total in the bank.

Rich discussed the effect of July dues deposits on the variance numbers in the report on our finances. In reality, it was a break-even year. The numbers include 25 new members.

To the proposed Budget we added \$100 to the amount of charitable contributions. Dr. Wilcox moved, Virginia seconding, to approve this budget. Passed unanimously.

Appointments

Christina announced that Robert Moriarty has volunteered to head up the Neighborhood Watch committee. Rich moved to approve the appointment. Passed unanimously.

Code Enforcement

Major England introduced Tom Howley, the new Supervisor of Code Enforcement. He is in charge of a number of things, including Neighborhood Services (animal enforcement).

He presented an application for Community Assistance Block Grants, his old program.

He has some ideas for improving some home conditions in the neighborhood. They hired a 5th neighborhood inspector in August. Now the City is divided into five areas. We are #2 (north part) and #3 (south part), and the map will be updated on the Web soon.

Christina brought up the issue of empty houses in the neighborhood, and asked if he knew how many there were. Tom has a partial list of foreclosures from a subscription service, which they will be renewing.

Christina sees houses where yard maintenance suddenly stops, but the house is occupied. Mr. Howley replied that if we see somebody who might need help, give them an application for assistance.

Dr. Wilcox brought up the need for technical assistance in buying services, to which Mr. Howley responded by calling our attention to an aging-in-place program at the Senior Center.

Tom Howley would like to see the Housing Code recidivists brought under control—They can always talk to the judge to challenge citations. He does not want to see the same properties occurring as violations all the time.

Christina brought up the two complaints she gets the most:

- 1) Trash behind Twinbrook Shopping Center (Safeway side of Veirs Mill Road)
- 2) Shopping carts in the neighborhood, which cost \$200 each. (Hjarman stated that the City will pick up specific carts that people report).
- 3) People who never take their trash cans in

We also discussed the illegal rental apartment issue, noting that they are difficult to catch. A home owner may rent to two others (plus family members) if he lives there, subject to occupancy standards. If a home is not owner-occupied, it can be rented to up to five unrelated individuals. Absentee rentals need an agent in MD, Northern Virginia or DC.

Members in attendance brought up particular offenders concerning the leaving of trash cans out.

The Block Grant program does not do reimbursements after the fact.

Pods require a permit after five days.

Hjarman Cordero

1. He hoped we had a chance to go to the Hispanic Festival in Town Square. We are a melting pot, after all.
2. He invited us to the Good Neighbor Award ceremony.
3. Rockville University slots are open (Oct. 13-Nov. 17)--25 attendees maximum.
4. We got an update on Lewis Avenue/CSX
5. A Baltimore Road “open house” meeting is scheduled for the following night.
6. He encouraged us to pool our large trash pickups with neighbors. This saves the City money and extends our allowance of large pickups.
7. They will do Twinbrook In The Park again (again using a grant application), but with some differences around the same concept.
8. Christina asked about community association links on the City Website—Hjarman replied that they are working on it.
9. Restaurant week is October 4-10.

More topics

Back on the subject of the budget, Rich wanted help in deciding on charitable contributions. Judy volunteered to help solicit/evaluate ideas. Christina suggested donating the monthly December meeting slot to a good cause (which Christina will help select). Rich moved this, with Dr. Wilcox seconding. Passed unanimously.

Christina expressed her views on the Redgate vote, and we discussed the validity of the numbers. Rich identified the problem as the allocation of City Hall overhead to the course.

Adjourned unanimously at 9:24.

TWINBROOK CITIZENS ASSOCIATION						
BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL FY 2010						
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010						
DESCRIPTION OF BUDGETED LINE ITEM	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE	BUDGET	BUDGET	INCREASE
	FY 2010	FY 2010	(OVER) UNDER BUDGET \$	FY 2010	FY2011 BUDGET	(DECREASE) BUDGET FY 2010 TO BUDGET FY 2011 \$
REVENUES						
MEMBERSHIP DUES	3600	1877	1723	3600	3,300.00	300.00
OTHER REVENUE	0	126	(\$126)			
GRANT REVENUE						
TOTAL REVENUES	3600	2003	1597	3600	3,300.00	300.00
EXPENDITURES						
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	400.00 200.00	(100.00)
(CMR, RRF)						
SPONSORSHIPS	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00	0.00
PUBLIC OUTREACH/MAILING PROJECTS	400.00	320.04	79.96	400.00	500.00	100.00
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MAILING	250.00	220.00	30.00	250.00	250.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS OFFICE COSTS	150.00	167.33	(17.33)	150.00	200.00	50.00
COMMITTEE CHAIR/OFFICERS BUDGETS	600.00	95.17	504.83	600.00	500.00	(100.00)
JUNE GENERAL MEETING COSTS	250.00	219.11	30.89	250.00	250.00	0.00
ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	185.00	100.00	85.00	185.00	185.00	0.00
(MANO & MCCF)						
D & O LIABILITY INSURANCE	900.00	910.00	(10.00)	900.00	950.00	50.00
SERVICE OUTREACH SEMINAR	100.00	91.80	8.20	100.00	100.00	0.00
CANDIDATE FORUM DEBATE	150.00	128.91	21.09	150.00	0.00	(150.00)
PO BOX RENTAL	60.00	90.00	(30.00)	60.00	60.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,445.00	2,542.36	902.64	3,445.00	3,295.00	(150.00)
Special Appropriations						
Mayor and Council Meeting in January 2010	0	54.75				
Trees (Rockcrest Park) appropriated in 2006	0	114.48				
Legal/Organizational Special Appropriation	0	588.00				
Total Special Appropriations	0	757.23				
Total Expenditures		3,299.59				