

## MINUTES

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

Executive Committee members present: Christina Ginsberg (President), Judy Miller (VP), Steven Wilcox (Secretary), Bill Neil (Member at Large, West), Rich Gottfried (Treasurer)

No quorum.

### Topics

#### Police Report (Corporal Matney)

- 37 calls, less than the previous 54
- Part I crimes: 0 in February, 3 in March
- Part II crimes: 8 in Feb (down compared to 14 in January)

Answering a question about helmet law violators, he said they need to be under 16 to be pulled over and the penalty is a warning. We discussed how to get kids to wear helmets while riding bikes.

#### Treasurer's Report

Rich Gottfried read the Treasurer's Reports for February and March and asked to note the fact that he sent in the property tax form to the IRS.

#### Neighborhood Resources Coordinator (Hjarman Cordero)

- Striping on Twinbrook Parkway from Veirs Mill to the CSX bridge is in progress (mostly at night).
- The City had a Planning Academy recently to demystify the planning process.
- There will also be one on May 15 at the Annex, customized for the Twinbrook area.
- Residents are encouraged to clean up yards (trash, anything that can harbor rats). All residents are entitled to large trash pickups, but this is not well utilized.
- A member of Hjarman's team was deployed to Afghanistan.
- Twinbrook in the Park is coming up on June 5, with numerous events spread between the Rockcrest Center and the Twinbrook Recreation Center and the park areas in between (numerous details given). More details are forthcoming in *Rockville Reports*.
- The water main replacement is a go – Crawford has it now.

#### Public Works (Rebecca Torma and Matt Folden)

Leading up to a hearing on the subject in about a month, Rebecca and Matt presented their analysis of proposed traffic calming mitigations on Edmonston. Three options involving adding traffic circles, traffic lights, road narrowing, hatchmarks, and /or lane divides were discussed in detail. None of the options included speed bumps. TCA members attending the meeting widely participated in the discussion, making numerous suggestions and bringing up pros and cons of the three options. Numerous variants were proposed by the participants and then analyzed. We discussed the merits and unreliability of crosswalk enhancers and whether to delay the project in order to get more money to do it right. Christina indicated she understood that they have money for the middle part of the road, and so recommended against holding up the other parts. There was a general consensus for more explicit crosswalks, even though the City understands there to be implied crosswalks at all the residential corners. Jacquie Kubin noted that people tend to slow down and watch for pedestrians at crosswalks, while Linda Bozzonetti worried that the children are not crossing at the right places.

We also discussed the condition of the road near the bridge on Edmonston. Hjarmon reported that they were able to look under the bridge and are working on the report.

Rebecca also discussed JBG's commitment for traffic calming on Twinbrook Parkway, reporting that the residents did not want anything except for more stop signs. She stated however that these do not really work when there is no cross traffic. Praise was given for the effectiveness of speed cameras on Twinbrook Parkway.

Missing sidewalk CIP priorities include Twinbrook Shopping Center, but it is a state road and there is storm water issue in front of the Safeway, which leaves little room to work with. Plans also include Lewis and Gruenther, having complete Bradley and Broadwood.

Christina request four-way stop signs at Gruenther due to cut-through traffic and the confusing pattern of stops.