

MINUTES

Twinbrook Citizens Association Executive Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting at the Twinbrook Community Center
May 26, 2009 at 7:00

Executive Committee members present: Christina Ginsberg (President), Judy Miller (VP), Steven Wilcox (Secretary), Bill Neil (Business Development and Relations), Virginia Quesada (Membership), Rich Gottfried (Treasurer)

The above Executive Committee members constituted a quorum.

Secretary's Report (Dr. Steven Wilcox)

The Minutes of 3/31/09 were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Rich Gottfried)

- The Form 990 postcard has been filed and officially accepted.
- For the record, we are a 501(c)(4) organization
- We filed the personal property tax return 4/13.
- The IRS is upping the ante on Form 990's. There are two standards at issue: the whistleblower and document destruction/retention policies are needed. They are needed by 6/30/2009 and can be posted on the TCA website.
- We have \$6673± plus two CDs in the bank. The CDs mature in June.

Appointments

Christina appointed Rachel Sultanik the replacement Member At Large East, Diana O'Donovan Communications Chair, and John Boon Neighborhood Watch Chair. These appointments were approved unanimously.

Neighborhood Coordinator (Hjarman Cordero)

The Refuse and Recycle program open houses are planned in July to explain the program and how it has changed and how it works and allow residents to talk to the staff and ask questions. This (the south) side of Twinbrook is included in Phase III. We thought that the schools would be a good place for this. Christina recommended sending notice of both meetings to all the houses.

The trash can sizes are exchangeable.

Christina reported that we had wanted one charge level and had passed all opinions up.

There will be an open house on the Rockville Pike project on July 14 from 4 to 7 PM, with a formal presentation from 7:30 to 9:30. All are invited. Information will be sent out.

On spraying in the park, Dr. Wilcox requested status updates by e-mail and advocated hand weeding as more effective. Hjarman will pass the thought, but the CIP Plan would need to be changed.

Rich Gottfried had a meeting notice for me to put up on the TCA website.

Crime (Captain England)

- There were two incidents at the Safeway on 5/20. One was an accosting incident, but she was able to escape. The other was an attempted abduction. The common denominator is black male, 36, with dreadlocks.
- A 17-year old accosting a couple at Twinbrook (lives on Veirs Mill Rd.), gun implied.
- Capt. England is in charge of “special operations”, i.e., street crimes and speed cameras.
- John Boon reports that he has not seen any police cars patrolling in his neighborhood.

WMATA (Mr. Paul Bumbry, Customer Service Manager)

- Call 301-562-4605 for problems at Twinbrook Station (train operations or anything happening at the stations).
- Responding to Dr. Wilcox’s question about traffic on Twinbrook Parkway from the development, he said he will have the Government Relations Rep. come to the next meeting. They will open Fishers Lane again.

Christina had a long list of questions on the development, which she gave to the rep.:

1. Lights out in the parking lot
2. People worried about security in the parking garages

Paul asked for an email with all our concerns and said that if we still have questions he can send the Govt. Relations person to the next meeting.

Christina asked the members what they thought about cameras at Twinbrook Station, an it emerged that expense is an issue.

The Station walk-through will be scheduled for the community to participate.

We then discussed lighting at Twinbrook Metro.

For comments see www.wmata.com or call 202-962-6335.

Avalon Bay

It was related that Avalon Bay wants to put in an apartment complex. They will show their plan at the Hilton tomorrow at 7 PM.

We discussed how to work the process and analyzed TCA’s effectiveness in working the system (which is meetings).

The next meeting is the Election meeting. Suggested nominations are to be given to the Dr. Wilcox.

Adjourned

