

McDuffie- Twin Parks Neighborhood Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting – October 14, 2009

Location: Highland Senior Center – 131 Monroe Ave NE

Board Members Present: Ben Byrne, Bill Hoch, Carla Kugler, Carol Morris, Charlene Brown, Laurie Moyer, Maya Gallegos

Absent: John Scariano, Mark Hyland

About 15 visitors were also present

The meeting began at approx 6:33 with a welcome by Bill followed by self introductions. The minutes of last months annual meeting were not approved. Bill reminded us that we cannot move for those minutes to be approved until next year's annual meeting.

Charlene gave treasurer's report. Carla moved that the treasurer's report be approved. Maya seconded.

Bill welcomed Sergeant Solis from APD. Sgt Solis reported that he is the Southeast area command Sergeant from 3pm – 11pm. He noted that recently the key areas have been the Northwest and Northeast -specifically north of I-40. He advised all present to get very familiar with the people on your street. Know who belongs and what vehicles belong on the street. He advised that burglars don't usually want to run into people - so answering the door when a person knocks is usually safe to do. He advised starting/keeping neighborhood watches being a good idea. He also advised that calling in a "problematic" house to the command will draw APD attention to it and they will check out the area if alerted. They also pick a particular home that may have been called in as suspicious and hold a briefing in front of the house, just to make resident aware of APD presence. Laurie mentioned spotting the horse patrol on Marble/Monte Vista area. Sgt Solis could not confirm why they would have the horse patrol around that area.

Bill introduced Maggie Hart Stebbins – District 3 County Commissioner who thanked the board for allowing her to come and speak to the association. She mentioned that the district is quite large and she was hoping to see County Parks and Recreation funds be more localized. She has made it a goal to attend neighborhood meetings to get an idea of what residents feel is important as well as what they are looking for financially. She stated one of her main goals was to help with the preservation of the North University Gold Course.

Bill gave an update on the community mailboxes, commonly referred to by the USPS as neighborhood box units or NBUs. Bill states he made contact with the Post Master designated for 87110 has learned that the Bel-Air Neighborhood has specifically been targeted due to post carriers being attacked by dogs. There is no blanket proposal for the entire 87110 area to get NBUs. He is currently working on getting a letter by USPS stating that our neighborhood will be one of the neighborhoods affected by this request.

Bill introduced new business about the Smith's Gas Station request presented to him by mail from Air Quality. Laurie informed that the location is zoned for C-1 and that gas stations are permitted. Many attendees at the meeting showed concern for noise, lights, etc. and asked what steps we have in seeing to it that Smith's follows and building and zoning rules. Some residents wanted to know how Summit Park NA felt about the proposal. Residents wanted to know when a site plan will be filed and how we will be informed.

Bill brought in crime report and pointed out a property on Avenida Estrellita. There had recently been an arrest made regarding drug trafficking – a drug bust – 50grams of cocaine.

Nominations began for the new board of directors. Charlene started, nominating Bill Hoch for president – he accepted nomination. Carol Morris nominated Laurie Moyer for Vice President – she accepted nomination. Laurie Moyer nominated Maya Gallegos for Treasurer – she accepted nomination. Charlene Brown nominated Carla Kugler for Secretary – she accepted nomination.

Ben moved that the new board be nominated and approved, Charlene seconded – there were no objections.

Laurie moved that meeting be adjourned at approx 8:10pm, Carla seconded the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted: Carla Kugler