

McDuffie-Twin Parks Neighborhood Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, October 8, 2008, 6:30pm
Highland Senior Activities Center – 131 Monroe NE, Albuquerque

Board Members Present: Bill Hoch, Carla Kugler, Charlene Brown, Gary Harrison, John Scariano, Kathleen Kimler Altobelli, Mark Hyland, Maya Gallegos. Absent: Laurie Moye.

5 additional members of the neighborhood association were present

The meeting began at 6:35 pm with a welcome by Bill followed by self-introductions. The minutes of the August 13, 2008 meeting were approved on a motion by Carla with a second by Charlene. The minutes of the September 24th general meeting will have to be approved at the next general meeting.

Charlene reported that our current balance is \$350.28. Two households have joined since the annual meeting. She will be invoicing for filming done on Lomas.

Neighborhood resident Tasia Young of 819 Hermosa NE asked for the Board's support for her special exception zoning request for a carport. A copy of the building plan was shown and the family's reasons for wanting a carport explained. She stated that her immediate neighbors have no objections and that the notification of exception request has been up longer than required. Gary moved that we support the request and send a letter stating so to the Zoning Hearing Examiner. Mark seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board members drew paper slips numbered 1 or 2 from a box to determine the assignment of one and two year terms. (This is necessary this year only, following the election of the whole Board for the first time at the September 24th meeting.) Two-year terms were drawn by Bill, Carla, Gary, John and Maya; one-year terms were drawn by Kathleen, Charlene, Mark and Laurie.

Officers were elected. As there were no contested races, each office was handled in this manner: following the nomination of one person for the office, motions were made and seconded to close nominations, followed by a move for election by acclamation and unanimous approval.

President: Bill Vice President: Laurie Treasurer: Charlene Secretary: Kathleen

The previously reported complaint about the placement of a meeting announcement flier was clarified: no official complaint was ever filed. Several postal employees have said that it is permitted to attach a flier to a clip on the outside of a mailbox – only the inside of the box is off-limits except to postal mail.

Bill reported on the District 7 meeting that he attended. Greg Payne, City of Albuquerque Transit Director, gave a presentation, so Bill found out about the proposed bus shelters that are to be built.

Calendar planning for the year was discussed and several dates chosen. There will be flier distribution only every 3 months, with each flier giving the upcoming meeting dates. Board of Directors meetings will be held November 12, January 14, March 11, and June 10. National Night Out will be sponsored on August 4. The annual meeting will be held on September 9, 2009. Fliers will be delivered Nov 7-9, before the March meeting and before National Night Out (which will also announce the Annual Meeting in plenty of time to comply with by-laws requirements). Carla agreed to produce the fliers and handle getting them printed. Gary agreed to do a short survey for the pre-March flier – probably to include several open-ended questions to solicit neighborhood concerns and ideas. We will set up a couple drop-off sites for the survey. The March meeting will tentatively focus on recruiting block captains (both for city-recognized block watches and informal networks) and crime issues, perhaps with a presentation from the Albuquerque Police Department Crime Prevention

Program. The June meeting will tentatively focus on water – conservation and billing issues. A committee will be formed in July to develop plans for National Night Out and the Annual Meeting.

Charlene requested that the Association get a Post Office Box to facilitate doing business, at a cost of \$60. Carla so moved, Mark seconded and the motion passed. Charlene also reported that we have to indicate “non profit” on the reimbursement forms used to apply to the film companies for the payments for filming in the neighborhood. Charlene will look into the paperwork for a 501(c)(3) designation. Gary and Kathy and Carla will ask lawyers and accountants they know and report back at the November meeting.

John reported that he is continuing to post items on the website and check for emails to info@mcduffietwinparksna.org. It was decided that each Board member should write a short statement that can be posted with their name.

Official thanks/recognition for Bill Moyer’s contribution of up to \$600 to cover costs of printing our fliers was discussed and will be taken care of by Bill.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm on a motion by Mark, seconded by Carla, and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kimler Altobelli