

McDuffie-Twin Parks Neighborhood Association  
Minutes of Temporary Steering Committee Meeting, January 2, 2008, 6:30pm  
Highland Senior Activities Center – 131 Monroe NE, Albuquerque

Temporary Steering Committee (“Board”) Members Present: ALL: Bill Hoch, Carla Kugler, Charlene Brown, Enid Howarth, Gary Harrison, John Scariano, Kathleen Kimler Altobelli, Laurie Moye, Mark Hyland

Guests: Pat Montoya (City Planning Department), Sgt. John Sullivan (Albuquerque Police Department, SE Substation 256-2050), Wayne Johnson (President, District 7 Coalition of Neighborhood Associations), and several neighborhood residents.

The meeting began with a welcome by Bill and self-introductions by all present. Our association has received official notification from the Office of Neighborhood Coordination of the City’s Planning Department of full recognition status as of December 5, 2007.

Sgt. Sullivan spoke regarding community based policing. He asked what we felt our problems were – speeding, rush hour traffic, and drug deals were mentioned. The Neighborhood Notification listing of criminal activities was discussed by Bill.

Wayne Johnson spoke about the District 7 Coalition (whose boundaries include our neighborhood). The Coalition serves as a resource for neighborhood association presidents and shares information between neighborhoods, focusing on policy and a macro view. There is a \$15/year fee for a neighborhood association to join and they meet on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month (a conflict with our meeting dates). They may be having an educational meeting on TIDD/TIFs next month, as this is being proposed for the Central Corridor. We asked that Wayne notify us of the meeting, but no action was taken on joining the Coalition.

Gary Harrison reported on the Neighborhood Surveys that have been collected: 25 respondents before the association formed and 22 since. Copies of a 2-page report of the 22 responses (see attachment) were distributed and Gary discussed the results. Information on city resources (311, Police, animal control, existing ordinances) was shared. The conclusion was that we are indeed fortunate in our neighborhood to have such relatively minor problems.

Committees that should be formed were discussed. Crime prevention was mentioned, as was establishing a web site to inform neighborhood residents. Laurie moved that John establish a website, McDuffieTwinParksNA.org, and fund it for \$30 (to be reimbursed later). The motion was seconded by Enid and passed unanimously. There was a brief discussion of Form Based Zoning, which has been postponed for a while on the City Council’s agenda – but which seems like a topic that we should become knowledgeable about. Mardon Gardella, President of the Federation of University Neighborhoods, was unable to attend tonight’s meeting and present a Form Based Zoning Report, but Bill will put on the agenda for next month.

Gary moved that the minutes of the November 28, 2007 meeting be accepted, Carla seconded, and the motion passed. Carla said that we need to find a copying place to do a newsletter and the flyers; there are about 650 homes in the neighborhood and it has cost about \$85 to do a 2-sided colored-paper flyer (\$0.14 each). It was suggested to consider doing just a half-page to reduce costs.

Laurie moved that a membership committee, chaired by Carla, investigate ways to increase membership and report back at the next meeting. Kathy seconded and the motion passed. A membership drive in person was suggested.

Danice Picraux, State Representative for District 25 (which includes eastern half of our neighborhood), spoke briefly on the upcoming legislative session.

Laurie moved for adjournment; seconded by Carla and approved by all; the meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kimler Altobelli