McDuffie-Twin Parks Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Temporary Steering Committee Meeting, March 12, 2008, 6:30pm
Highland Senior Activities Center – 131 Monroe NE, Albuquerque

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

Guests: 3 neighborhood residents.

The meeting began at 6:35 pm with a welcome by Bill.

Gary moved that the February 13th minutes be approved; seconded by Charlene and passed unanimously.

Community Policing Report: Bill will bring an up-to-date report next month. Carla has contacted City Neighborhood Watch coordinator and has the list of current block captains. It was decided that Carla would create a special flyer for the April 9th Board meeting for neighborhood delivery and that we should all personally encourage potential block captains to come and hear more about the program from police personnel involved with the program, as well as crime prevention tips.

Committee Formation Update: Committee Chairs were announced by Bill:
Land Use, Planning and Zoning: Gary Crime Prevention: Bill
Membership, Communications, Fundraising, Events: Carla
Bill will send a listing of committee members to the Board soon.

Treasurer's Report by Charlene: Currently we have $131 on hand, but we also have outstanding debts. She will check on the bank's service fee that was charged (since thought they were to be waived). In the future, Charlene will provide us with a current membership count.

Form Based Zoning Discussion update: The proposed Form Based Zoning ordinance has been deferred for 90 days and will be totally rewritten. The city's Great Streets plan has been deferred for 30 days from March 13; this is an effort to make the city more walkable, but none of the streets in this area have been selected so far. There is information on the city's web site about the Great Streets plan and several city departments are now reviewing it. One of our guests (previously on Summit Park Neighborhood Association's board) reported that a year ago the Planning Department stated that they had no interest in reworking Carlisle between Constitution and Lomas (although recent surveying activity has been observed by neighborhood residents). The city has adopted centers and corridors. The idea was floated that perhaps we could pursue the development of a sector plan with other neighborhoods – there are 19 sector-type plans now being developed by the city (none of which include our neighborhood).

Land Use: The razing of the existing residence at the corner of Avenida la Resolana and Avenida Estrellita and the rumor of a 9,000 square feet house to be built on the lot was discussed. It was reported that people in other neighborhoods feel that the city's building department is not being vigilant about enforcing regulations concerning setbacks or provisions in existing sector plans. Gary will check on the situation with the lot and in general down at the city. There was some concern expressed about the effect of "tear downs" and the building of new homes on the character of the neighborhood.

Next Meeting: Kathleen suggested that we do neighborhood-watch organizing at the end of the next meeting (after quickly taking care of other business).

Web Site: John reported that he has our web site ready to receive content. Suggestions for content included: Purpose/mission (from by-laws), by-laws (as a pdf), minutes of Board meetings (as pdf files), link to City's neighborhood news web site, our next meeting dates, our membership form, link to city's contacts (preferably a link directly to the city's page so that it would be automatically updated; like the page in the packet that we were given by Leo), Board membership listing. Our web site is www.mcduffietwinparksna.org

A guest reported an attempted residential break-in and there was some discussion of neighborhood crime, with the expectation that vandalism will be increasing with the coming of warmer weather. The *Albuquerque Journal*'s new crime reporting with location map and web site was mentioned.

Laurie moved for adjournment; Carla seconded, motion passed, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kimler Altobelli