

McDuffie-Twin Parks Neighborhood Association
Minutes of Temporary Steering Committee Meeting, July 9, 2008, 6:30pm
Highland Senior Activities Center – 131 Monroe NE, Albuquerque

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

Guests: Ann Lerner and Carrie Wells of the Albuquerque Film Office (part of Economic Development Dept), about 6 neighborhood residents.

The meeting began at 6:35 pm with a welcome by Bill followed by self-introductions.

Charlene moved that the minutes of the June 11 meeting be accepted, Gary seconded and the minutes were approved. Charlene then reported that we have a balance of \$197 and 58 members. She has submitted a donation request to the film company that filmed on McDuffie Court and Mesa Verde NE on 6/24/08.

Ann Lerner explained that she and Carrie are going to all the neighborhood association meetings and reaching out to citizens in an effort to keep Albuquerque film-friendly – through keeping the citizens of Albuquerque happy. They are asking the production companies to contribute \$100/day of filming to the neighborhood associations in recognition of the impact of filming on the surrounding neighborhood. Anyone with questions, concerns, or complaints about filming crew behavior should call her immediately so that the issue can be resolved (cell #: 401-8761). She provided copies of a fact sheet on being a film extra and a 13-page document titled “Almost everything you ever wanted to know about filming in Albuquerque”. A film permit is required by the city, with approval by several departments necessary before such is issued. Normal filming hours are limited to 7 am to 10 pm. It was suggested that location scouts tell residents that they can call the City’s 311 phone number to get/verify contact numbers for the Film Office, rather than just having the scouts give out a cell phone number when asked for a verification contact. [Enid and Mark arrived early in this presentation and John arrived as it ended.]

Discussion of National Night Out on August 5 resulted in the following plan being made: A social gathering at Twin Parks from 6-8 pm. Flyers to go out July 26th week-end. Folks to bring their own picnic supper and join in socializing with neighbors. Kathy will bring name tags. Have table with membership forms and crime-prevention, block watch, and filming informational materials. Kids’ games were suggested. A committee meeting will be held at Highland Senior Activities center on July 23rd at 6:30 pm to make further plans.

Kathy asked about getting a battery recycling program going, with collections at our meetings perhaps. Someone said that they understood Size D and smaller batteries could just go in trash – so perhaps a recycling program is not necessary. Kathy will check further on what should be done with batteries.

No new block captains have signed up recently. There are only 5 active block watches in our boundaries. It was pointed out that block watches could be organized informally and have phone trees to keep neighbors informed, but not go thru the formal process with the city.

Gary asked about zoning regulations for the Storage Pods that are placed in the street. No one knew what regulations exist, so he will check with Zoning Department on what is allowed.

A resident reported that a group of young people have been breaking into houses, employing a “go to the door, and if someone comes, ask for Joe – but if no one comes, break in” strategy. Enid stressed that police need for residents to call them with break-in and suspicious activity information.

The web site was discussed and we decided that since our terms are up in September, there is no need to post info about us on the web site – but that the info should be posted when the new Board takes office – and leave it to them to decide the information they want to post (names, addresses, phone numbers, pictures???) The idea of having a blog for posting of criminal reports was mentioned– perhaps a “community alert” section.

It was agreed that we need to form nominating committee at the next meeting. Bill again had available all the various crime-prevention brochures. Bill reported that the chief of police is focusing on property crime. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm on a motion by Carla, seconded by Kathleen.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kimler Altobelli

[Followup Note: The barriers and sandbags left at the corner of Mesa Verde and Montclair were mentioned – since it was thought that they appeared at time of filming – Carrie and Ann took care of their removal by the next morning, but said that they were not from the filming.]