

**Minutes of the September 14, 2011 Meeting
of the McDuffie-Twin Parks Neighborhood Association**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. It was held at the Southwestern University of Visual Arts, 5000 Marble Ave NE.

The minutes from the June 8th meeting were approved.

Laurie reported on 2010-2011:

1. She thinks the Neighborhood Association is starting to come together. Sites:
 - A. Tile on the table in Twin Parks.
 - B. Carol Morris reported on the Hidden Park developments.
2. Board didn't apply for a community outreach grant. Plans to do so in the future. Layton Malry presented info about the grant.

Maya delivered the treasurer's report:

1. 41 active members
2. We have \$941.52 in the NA's account

Suggestion to have a multi-year renewal as part of the membership application form.

Election of Board members was held. There were 22 ballots were cast. Barry Simon, Carol Morris and Carla Kuger were re-elected to the board. The full board now consists of Laurie Moye, Barry, Carol, Maya Gallegos, Bill Hoch, John Scariano, Dan Drennan and Carla. According to our by-laws, we can add one more person to the Board.

Laurie reports that:

Terms Expiring in 2012: Bill, Maya, John, Dan
Terms Expiring in 2013: Laurie, Carol, Barry and Carla

Brad Cullen delivered the transportation report. It is found at the end of these minutes.

Barry did a pitch for the Fly-A-Kite Committee.

Laurie reported on the redistricting:

- City is going to set up a new district for the West side.
- Because we are in the middle of the city (Dist. 7) we could be re-districted. In 6 out of 10 options, we move into Dist. 6.
- Urged people to go to the upcoming re-districting meeting.

It was asked: What is the action step we could take?

Writing a letter saying we want to stay in Dist. 7 which includes similar neighborhoods. Writing this letter was authorized by those in attendance.

Tony Duran from Councilmember Michael Cook's office talked to the issue. He said that it is best to keep associations where they are.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

There were 56 respondents.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY SURVEY

- Only one person felt uncomfortable walking or driving in the neighborhood, only 2 people felt uncomfortable or very unsafe using other forms of transportation, and only 5 people felt uncomfortable or very unsafe biking in the neighborhood. The remainder felt comfortable, safe, or very safe.
- The plurality of respondents did not believe that traffic was an impediment to children playing in front yards or other public places.
- The majority of respondents did not feel that traffic volume, people walking in the street, or road quality were problems.
- The respondents were fairly evenly split on whether or not sidewalks were conducive to walking and the adequacy of street lighting.
- The only street where the plurality of respondents had to wait more than 2 minutes to cross midblock was Carlisle.
- The majority of people that drive their car or bike in the neighborhood felt visibility at intersections was a problem, while those who walk in the neighborhood did not feel visibility was a problem.
- The majority of respondents felt that cars and bikes running stop signs was a problem.
- The majority of respondents also felt that average vehicle speed was somewhat fast or too fast.
- The plurality of respondents had lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years. In addition, the majority were over 50 years old, lived in a two person household, and had a graduate degree.

The comments and the survey itself found that the three major traffic problems in our neighborhood are vehicle speed, visibility, and car and bikes running stop signs.