

***MCDUFFIE TWIN PARKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION***

**Board Meeting – January 19, 2022 - ZOOM**

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Attending:** Cathy Drake, Mark Hyland, Vicky Kauffman, Carol Morris, Kristy Oreskovich, Maggie Peterson, Larry Seebinger

1) **Beginning Business**

Cathy thanked Kristy for setting up the Zoom meeting. On behalf of the Friends of Twin Parks, she also thanked the Board for our \$50 gift for Christmas luminarias & noted that Friends of Twin Parks had also contributed \$50.

1) **Minutes**

After a few corrections were noted, the minutes of our November 17, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

2) **Treasurer's Report**

Carol reviewed the Treasurer's Report below, & noted that our current membership is now 69 households, up from 67 household members last November 2021. Our post office box fee is due at the end of February; last year we paid \$204. This is a large but necessary expense. Some other expenses are \$15.16 for our domain name (pd. 1.7.22), \$15 for D7 membership dues (pd. August 2021), & then the expense of printing fliers for our General Meeting (usually the third Wednesday of March), & National Night Out (in August).

**Treasurer's Report January 19, 2022**

\$973.51 (Nusenda 12-31-21)

**Number of Memberships (1-19-22)**

69 current members (households), dues paid

**Number of Memberships (11-17-21)**

67 current members (households), dues paid

**Number of Memberships (9-15-21)**

62 current members (households), dues paid

Last meeting before we shut down

**Number of Memberships (2-19-20)**

86 current members (households), dues paid

Carol, Kristy, Mark & others brought up other donations, gifts & activities we've done in the past, such as:

a) **Mail Carrier Appreciation Day**

We've typically given Kat, our mail carrier, a \$50 gift card, but because of our lower bank balance due to the pandemic, we unanimously approved giving her a \$25 gift card this year on February 4. Carol will handle.

b) **Library Books for Zia & Monte Vista Elementary Schools**

Maggie suggested not donating to Zia & Monte Vista Elementary schools this year, but reconsidering it next year when schools are back in session.

c) **Rockin' Rhythm Band at Jefferson Middle School**

Kristy mentioned that we'd donated to this band in past years; perhaps we could donate to them again next year.

d) **Fly A Kite Day**

Mark noted that he has kites at home from previous Fly-A-Kite Days, an event we've held at Twin Parks in the spring.

e) **Membership**

There was general discussion about increasing our membership. Vicky suggested leafletting the neighborhood & Carol noted that she has fliers from previous meetings with membership forms on back. We should be sure to note "*Additional donations gratefully accepted*" on all membership forms. Kristy suggested we get more modern in our membership methods by offering payment options such as Paypal or Venmo, which we would need to set up.

3) **Old Business**

a) **PANA & Mile Hi Neighborhood Association Drainage Solutions**

Cathy said that there is an online toolkit with ideas (such as pavers, rooftop drainage, & pocket parks), & she encouraged people to visit the website. There will be walking tours in February of these neighborhoods, which Carol & Vicky will try to attend. Carol said she sent a notice to 300 people on our email list about these tours.

b) **Speeding Issues**

There was general discussion about the 15 new speeding signs neighbors have placed within the neighborhood; one sign naming someone actually killed by a speedster is somewhat controversial. Someone on Nextdoor posted a comment about needing a traffic sign at Mackland & Montclair. Kristy suggested a coordinated approach where we identify streets with the most issues, such as Mackland, Solano, Mesa Verde, Montclair, Morningside from Washington south, & Morningside & La Resolana intersection. To submit a traffic calming application, 40% of homes fronting a street have to sign on & agree to the suggested measures. Cathy asked everyone to think of the most problematic areas in our NA, looking at corners as well as entire streets, to discuss at our next meeting. Cathy will call Mary Dickman, who has complained about speeding on Calle del Sol, & Carol will try contacting the Nextdoor complainant.

**c) Off-Leash Dog Issues**

Off-leash dogs are still an issue at Hidden Park. We need more enforcement. We will meet with our new City Councilor, Tammy Fiebelkorn, about this, as well as water/drainage & traffic calming issues. Cathy will contact her about setting up a meeting.

**4) New Business**

a) Cathy suggested an April community event such as “Make a Mosaic Day,” where neighbors & children would gather to make tiles. Cathy already has free materials such as pavers & tiles, & perhaps a hardware store would be willing to donate concrete. We could make garden stepping stones. We could also do kite decorating & flying the same time.

b) We need to do a flyer for our General Meeting. Cathy will contact Pamela Heater about helping pay for this. We need to advertise this in March.

c) We talked about getting new park benches at Twin Parks. They cost \$1250 each. She suggested we make it our “Project of the Year.” Cathy wondered if Tammy had any project money, & Carol suggested that the City may have money. Friends of Twin Parks can donate \$500.

Our next meeting date will depend on Councilor Tammy’s schedule; otherwise, it will be on Wednesday, February 16.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted –

Maggie Peterson  
MTPNA Secretary