

MCDUFFIE-TWIN PARKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting on ZOOM – June 24, 2020 – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

Board Members Attending: Cathy Drake, Nancy Herring, Mark Hyland, Carol Morris, Kristy Oreskovich, Maggie Peterson, Larry Seebinger

1) **Minutes**

Minutes of the April 6, 2020 Board Meeting were accepted as corrected, & will be sent to Carol to post on the MTPNA website.

2) **Treasurer's Report**

Carol reported that we have 88 paid member households in our NA, & \$1319.42 in our bank account. Because of the Covid virus & schools closing, this year we did not donate to either Monte Vista or Zia Elementary schools. We will reimburse Mark \$84.13 for flyers printed for the General Meeting on March 18, 2020, which was cancelled because of the virus.

3) **Pueblo Alto Neighborhood Association (PANA) Flooding**

For the benefit of all Board members, Cathy began a discussion about the history of the City's plans for ponding at Twin Parks (TP). Neighbors around TP recently formed a group called "Friends of Twin Parks (FoTP)." There is also a recently created Facebook page of the same name. Neighbors are concerned about the City's plans for a detention pond at TP to alleviate flooding in PANA, & fear it may already be a done deal. Because of the virus, the City has yet to meet with our NA to discuss their plans, but from the limited information we've received, it appears they're going ahead with plans to build a detention pond in the lower park (Prado del Sol). Because the City has not been transparent in providing information, neighbors are concerned that when it's again safe to meet in person, the City may announce what their plans are without having requested any public input before creating their plans. There is a serious problem of flooding in nearby PANA, but a 2015/2016 Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) study identified 13 other sites such as Mark Twain & Alvarado, which may be better locations than Twin Parks to relieve the flooding in the Pueblo Alto neighborhood.

In 2019, a \$4 million bond issue was approved. Access to City records under the Freedom of Information Act indicate that the City has continued with their intent to create a 10-acre detention pond at TP. This would include installing larger pipes in Pueblo Alto to move storm water from Pueblo Alto to TP. Another solution could be to take the water to the interstate, but we understand this would cost more than the \$4 million allocation. In order to address the problem within the Pueblo Alto neighborhood, it's estimated that the City would have to condemn 8 properties there to create a large enough area to relieve the flooding.

We understand that money has already been appropriated for the project at TP. The latest information FoTP has indicates that the City has already dismissed the possibility of using underground storage tanks & plans on building an above-ground detention pond in the lower park. Our NA does not want to lose use of the lower park & we point out that above-ground detention ponds in other areas of the City are both unattractive & smelly. Another concern is that if the City proceeds on this project without allowing for any public feedback, they may also do this in the future in other areas of the City.

SUMMARY: Our position is that the City needs to develop other strategies for dealing with the flooding in PANA instead of moving the problem to TP & ruining our lower park.

The MTPNA Board unanimously approved authorizing Cathy, Carol & neighbor Jim Moreno to present our view of ponding at TP at the next District 7 meeting. District 7 comprises Councilor Gibson's 18-19 NA's & meets monthly.

4) **National Night Out**

Due to the virus, there will be no National Night Out in August this year.

5) **Next Friends of Twin Parks Meeting**

The next FoTP meeting will be next Wednesday, July 1, at 5:00 pm at the Fanning house. Any MTPNA members are invited.

Respectfully submitted: Maggie Peterson, Secretary