

MCDUFFIE-TWIN PARKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting – November 17, 2021 – 6:30 pm

MINUTES

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

1) Open Discussion

The meeting began with an open discussion & updates about flooding, Twin Parks, & our surrounding neighborhoods of Pueblo Alto & Mile Hi, both of which also have flooding issues. Bohannon Huston Company, which won a City project to address flooding in our neighborhood, has hired Amy Bell, a landscape architect at groundwork studio, to work with us and surrounding neighborhoods about flooding and the Pueblo Alto/Mile Hi Drainage Outreach project. Two neighborhood walking tours through Pueblo Alto & Mile Hi neighborhoods are scheduled. The project is funded at \$1.5 million; about \$1 million remains. The worst flooding is at Jefferson & Summer NE, as well as at homes at the lowest point on Jefferson NE. There was general discussion about “pocket parks,” water swales on Jefferson & Adams to help prevent water on those streets, the possibility of swales in alleyways, the possibility of permeable pavers at Fair Plaza (corner of Lomas & San Pedro) to absorb water & prevent flooding further west, greenescapes, a pumping station at Broadway & Lomas to pump water to the river, part of the old Caravan property being used for a new detention pond, & whether monies from other sources was available to address flood improvements. Some of our neighbors still think that the City plans to “do something” at Twin Parks – even though we were told that they had dropped plans to build a detention pond there.

2) Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s Report, as noted below was approved:

“\$879.51 is currently in our account at Nusenda as of 10-31-21

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 due to Covid:

Number of Memberships (2-19-20)

86 current members (households), dues paid”

3) **Minutes**

Minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting were approved & will be posted on our MTPNA website.

4) **Additional Business**

a) **Membership**: There was general discussion about having fewer MTPNA members now than in pre-Covid years. Our board meetings are open, but there was discussion about having more open neighborhood events for everyone, such as Movie-in-the-Park or National Night Out (which we can coordinate with Pueblo Alto NA). We need to continue our personal recruitment of new members & membership renewals. Our next General Meeting is in March 2022.

b) **Neighborhood Speeding**: Kristy said she would look at the City's Traffic Calming Manual again, to get data that identifies problem streets in our neighborhood, (such as Solano & Morningside). The City's process is, that if there are accidents within so many years of a traffic calming study, that may demonstrate a need for a traffic calming measure, such as speed bumps (which the City is currently promoting), or perhaps murals. If the study shows that a neighborhood qualifies for traffic calming measures, we would have to get signatures from nearby residents approving the measure.

c) **Board Membership**: Mark Hyland is resigning as President, but will remain on the Board; Vicky Kauffman & Cathy Drake will be Co-Presidents; Kristy remains as Vice President, Carol Morris as Treasurer, & Maggie Peterson as Secretary. Larry Seebinger mentioned that he expects to move out of the neighborhood.

d) **Upcoming Events**: Twin Parks neighbors plan on having luminarias around TP on Christmas Eve. MTPNA will donate \$50-\$100 towards this expense. There will also be caroling at the corner of the park on Christmas Eve.

5) **Next Board Meeting**

Our next Board meeting will be the third Wednesday of January, ***01.19.2022, at 6:30 pm.***

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Maggie Peterson, Secretary