

MINUTES

Twinbrook Citizens Association Executive Committee
Regular Monthly Meeting at the Twinbrook Community Center
May 27, 2008 at 7:00

Executive Committee members present: Christina Ginsberg (President), Judy Miller (VP), Steven Wilcox (Secretary), Rich Gottfried (Treasurer), Geoffrey Wendel (Environment), Kevin Gallagher (Past President), Bill Neil (Business Development and Relations),

The above Executive Committee members constituted a quorum.

Topics

1. Capt. England

A number of (mostly) juveniles were arrested – cf Crime Alert (strong-arm robberies between Rockville and Twinbrook sectors). There have been unlocked car “break-ins” near Halpine and E. Jefferson Street, taking loose change, CDs, GPS, etc. There was a burglary at the Bamboo Buffet.

Concerning gas thefts, look for tell-tale signs. Newer cars have countermeasures.

2. Minutes (Deferred)

3. Treasurer’s Report

The treasurer gave the balances as of April 30.

4. Twinbrook Community Event (Brigitta & Elizabeth)

Brigitta is back and has a full e-mail inbox. We discussed flier distribution and the status of other publicity issues. TCA + the pool board have control of pamphlet distribution, etc.; Brigitta will provide a list of tables and booths, etc. Brigitta will be working full time on this event for the next two weeks. There will be no Taste of Rockville at the event. Hjarman said our permit indicated we would not sell food, but the concession stand can operate normally. We will provide popcorn and snow cones, and discussed the provision of water.

5. City Budget and CIP (Richard)

The \$55 storm water management fee is cancelled, but we lost on the \$7/month fee for water infrastructure —New water meters over the next two summers. \$32.70/mo once/week trash pickup starts in the Fall, in phases.

6. Zoning and Development Issues

The dates of the Rockville Pike Charrette were announced (May 31, June 2-3), also a Draft Zoning Ordinance hearing June 19. There was success on home-based businesses.

Kevin Gallagher’s points:

- a) The Farmer’s Market is open.
- b) Public testimony on the Twinbrook Sector Plan (Montgomery County) is coming up. We need to start contacting our County Council, etc.
- c) July 7: Good Neighbor Awards are coming up!

We also discussed the possible fate of the Parklawn building and a possible trend toward the closing of small businesses to make room for big developments.

7. Hjarman Cordero

Dr. Wilcox urged the City to pull the garlic mustard by hand before the seeds mature as this is easy and effective and avoids spraying.

An Executive Committee member reported that four dogs got spleen failure recently, but we do not have the evidence needed to assign a cause.

13. Adjourned by consent.

The next meeting is June 24, 2008.