

## MINUTES

Twinbrook Citizens Association General Membership (Election) Meeting  
and  
TCA Executive Committee Meeting

Twinbrook Community Center  
June 30, 2009 at 7:00

Executive Committee members present: Christina Ginsberg (President), Judy Miller (VP), Dr. Steven Wilcox (Secretary), Rich Gottfried (Treasurer), Virginia Quesada (Membership), Geoffrey Wendel (Environment), Rachel Sultanik (Member At Large, East), Bill Neil (Business Development and Relations)

The General Membership Meeting was called to order with 38 households represented. The Executive Committee was also called to order in parallel session with a quorum present

### Election

There being no other qualified nominations made to the Nominating Committee, its nominees were the incumbent officers:

- President: Christina Y. Ginsberg
- Vice-President: Judy Miller
- Secretary: Dr. Steven Wilcox
- Treasurer: Richard A. Gottfried
- Member-At-Large East: Rachel Sultanik
- Member-At-Large West: William R. Neil

No other nominations were made from the floor.

Phil Gherkin moved to elect this slate by acclamation, with Jim Little seconding. Tracy Pakulniewicz-Chidiac argued against this. Incorrectly giving TCA's organizational type, she made allegations of "borderline illegality" concerning the 501(c)(3) rules and lack of public participation. The motion failed on a hand vote, and Bill Nickel demanded an exact count/recount, which was done (32-7 with one abstention)

Jan Scott moved to elect the slate, with multiple seconds. This passed 39 to 4, with 1 abstention.

### President's Report

Christina presented the history of the Twinbrook Neighborhood Plan and zoning (RORZOR), and detailed the issues TCA had raised, such as restrictive zoning. She also gave an update on the Twinbrook Station development, which is JBG's desire to eliminate/downsize garages. The City has turned down the nearby Taylor property's request to build an apartment building.

Rich discussed his work on the home-based business issue (part of the new zoning), having got them to rewrite the new rules to have due process, etc.

Rich gave an impromptu Treasurer's report, giving the nature of the income (dues at \$12) and listed the assets. Bill Nickel wanted more detail, with he and Tracy making arguments that were similar to those Bill made in previous meetings. It was unclear whether he intended to make allegations based on generally accepted standards or argue for his ideas about the form, level of

detail and contents of a proper budget. Geoffrey Wendell moved to table the issue and put it on the next agenda, with Phil Gherkin seconding. Geoffrey called the question and it passed by a large majority, after which Tracy and Bill left the meeting.

#### Public Safety (Captain England)

There is a vacant property issue and concern with the accompanying overgrowth. After 30 days they take actions such as identifying the owner, determining with the property is in foreclosure, issuing notices of violations, etc. There will be boarding up insecure homes, challenging trespassers, etc.

Question on attempted entry: Do not let them in and make any phone calls for them.

Question on what to do if a shopping strip does not shovel snow: Call the code enforcement supervisor at 240-314-8332.

There has been a lot of theft from vehicles and some vandalism. 90% of the time the car is unlocked and unsecured items like GPS systems taken.

Hawkers need licenses—They need to have hawker's license identification visible or else they are in violation, so call the police if you encounter a violation.

There are gangs, but in Rockville they are usually low level, loosely organized. The technical definition of a gang is 3 or more together for criminal purposes.

We discussed the National Night Out. Capt. England suggests block parties close to home.

The local doe population has been having twins at an unusually high rate, resulting in 1.5 times the usual deer population.

#### Neighborhood Coordinator (Rocio Estrada)

Hjarman's presentation was given by Rocio Estrada this evening.

Rocio presented the “Recycling and Refuse Program” in detail including the sizes of the bins, one-stream recycling, the ability to get extra bins, and the need to use the City's bins. A FAQ sheet was also handed out,

#### Bylaw's Change (Judy)

Judy introduced a Bylaws change proposal, explaining that it was needed to address a glitch with the conflict of interest clauses that penalized Executive Committee members who run for city office, noting that other organizations do not prohibit their officers from running. The text of the change is a replacement for Section 8.03 as follows:

Article VIII. Removal from Office

Section 8.03 No elected public official will be eligible to hold a TCA elective office.

In the Membership Meeting, Geoffrey moved to approve the Bylaws change, which was seconded. After clarification of what was happening, this passed.

In the Executive Committee, Dr. Wilcox moved to adopt the change, which was seconded. This also passed, and so the Bylaws change is made.

We then answered questions at length on the budget and TCA's expenditures.

Adjourned at 9:05