

November 8, 2010

Martinsville City Council Neighborhood Meeting for the Southside area was held on November 8, 2010, at Fuller Memorial Baptist Church, 1204 Askin St., Martinsville, Virginia, at 7:30 P. M., with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding and Council members present including: Vice Mayor Kimble Reynolds, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner. Staff present included: Clarence Monday, City Manager; Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager; Brenda Prillaman, Wayne Knox, Eric Monday, Eddie Cassady, Kenneth Draper and Andy Powers. Mayor Adkins welcomed attendees and Gene Teague gave the invocation.

Mayor Adkins asked Andy Powers, Property Maintenance Inspector, to give a property maintenance update. Mr. Powers pointed out properties on the list for demolition and noted that turn around time is about 12 weeks to get a property inspected. Council asked that the list of demolitions be ranked from severe to minor and brought back to Council for future discussion. Mayor Adkins pointed out Council did individual tours rather than a group tour due to a special School Board joint meeting. Mayor Adkins opened the floor for citizen comments: Kathy Lawson—noted that the one-way section of Askin St. needs yellow line removed to make it clearer that it is a one way street; Trula Clark of 1124 S. Askin had concerns with the pavement repairs on the upper section of the street; Donna Boyd of 1209 Askin St. inquired about fire dept. personnel coming out to check chimneys for residents and Fire Chief Kenneth Draper responded the department no longer does this due to liability issues; Howard Hairston of 1307 Askin St. reported issues with numerous break ins and the need for more police patrol due to people standing in the street blocking vehicles and speeding vehicles including school buses. The speeding on the straight stretch of Askin St. will be referred to the Transportation Safety Commission for review. Mr. Sparks of Wingfield St. voiced issues with the dead end of Wingfield St. needing more light; Donna Boyd of Askin St. praised the city for taking care of her situation when her tire was damaged by the manhole cover which was raised up in the street; several citizens reported there are kids messing with the manhole covers and they keep tilting them sideways just to cause problems for the vehicles; graffiti issues on the building at Askin & South St. were discussed.

Mayor Adkins adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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Clerk of Council

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Kim E. Adkins  
Mayor