

September 9, 2013

Martinsville City Council Neighborhood Meeting for the Druid Hills/Uptown area neighborhoods was held on September 9, 2013, at City Schools Administrative Office, 746 Indian Trail, Martinsville, VA at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins calling the meeting to order. Council members present included Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Sr., Sharon Brooks Hodge and Danny Turner. Staff present: Leon Towarnicki, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Marshall Thomas, Coretha Gravely, Kenneth Draper, and Andy Powers. Four citizens were present.

Mayor Adkins asked Andy Powers to present his property maintenance report and an update on Council's 5:30pm tour of the area.

Mayor Adkins then opened the floor for public comment. Comments were heard from four citizens: Lois Christensen of Prospect Hill Drive-concerns with excessive heavy equipment traffic and a property maintenance issue on Prospect Hill, need for backyard maintenance ordinance, Henry Hotel and Harvest Foundation funding questions; Big Chair Uptown costs, ongoing aging infrastructure needs and questions on future funding, and unemployment figures for the area. Imogene Draper of 1035 Mulberry-questions on Arts & Cultural Committee increasing member numbers and expressed appreciation to Council for collaboration with NCI. Lee Anne Fuller of 710 Beechnut Lane-expressed her appreciation for all the efforts for the successful Culture Crawl held Uptown. Lonnie Carter of Corn Tassel Trail-concerns on issues for all citizens to be able to get in the door to the budget meetings.

There being no further business, Mayor Adkins adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Brenda Prillaman
Clerk of Council

Kim E. Adkins
Mayor