

April 11, 2011

Martinsville City Council Neighborhood Meeting for the Westside area was held on April 11, 2011, at Martinsville Housing Office, 605 Fourth St., Martinsville, VA at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding and Council members present: Kimble Reynolds (arrived late), Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner. Staff present: Clarence Monday, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Robert Ramsey, Kenneth Draper, and Ted Anderson.

After the invocation was given by Pastor Hairston, Mayor Adkins opened the floor for public comment. William Eggleston-1507 Roundabout Road-gangs of kids hanging out on corner Roundabout/Fayette and wants more police patrol and more lighting; Hiawatha Mitchell, 606 Fourth St.-reported the lot at 608 Fourth St. is overgrown; Jesse Goode, 907 F St-questions on demolitions especially 507 Third St. and police patrols; Norris Hampton, 505 Third St.—concerns property on Third St.; Odessa Hill, 907 F St.-concerns with patched pavement grass growing up in asphalt cracks; Willie Mae Harris-1010 D St.- concerns with 507 Third St, more police patrols, concerns with 911 dispatchers giving out information, rental property upkeep issues, vicious dogs concerns; Sarah Elberts, 602 Fourth St.-dog issues, people knocking on her back door; Dorothy Martin-1007 C St.-debris thrown on her back property; gentleman from 907 Fayette St. reported issues with rats and pigeons; Tony Jones of 612 Third St.—voiced concerns with quality of life issues in their neighborhood and gave update on Give Back Program and the need for resources; Peter Harris-1010 D St.—need stop sign at intersection of Third & F Sts and sight hazard issue at D & Third St; 507 Third St. and 500 Third St. are eyesores; asked for information on street sweeper schedule.

Ted Anderson, Building Official/Fire Marshal, gave a property maintenance update and reviewed current citizen concerns addressed during the Council tour of the northside neighborhood due to Andy Powers, Property Maintenance Inspector, being unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Anderson also briefed Council on the demolitions planned and explained how demolition properties are prioritized and criteria considered. Information on status of 507 Third St. property will be provided to Council. Robert Ramsey, Asst. Police Chief, gave an update on the City Neighborhood Watch Program through the police department and information on police patrol frequency. City Manager Clarence Monday gave information on paving policies and will have a crew look at the area mentioned on F Street.

Vice Mayor Kimble Reynolds gave an update on the Human Relations Committee advising their goal is to address how we can better relate on diversity issues and he encouraged citizens to apply.

There being no further business, Mayor Adkins adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

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Clarence Monday  
Clerk of Council

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Kim E. Adkins  
Mayor