

April 9, 2012

Martinsville City Council Neighborhood Meeting for the Westside area was held on April 9, 2012, at Albert Harris School, 710 Smith Road, Martinsville, VA at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding and Council members present including: Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner. Vice Mayor Reynolds was absent. Staff present: Leon Towarnicki, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Coretha Gravely, Linda Conover, Mike Rogers, Kenneth Draper, and Andy Powers.

Mayor Adkins called the meeting to order and asked Andy Powers to present the property maintenance report, and then opened the floor for public comment.

Citizen comments: Carolyn Drew, Fifth St.—unsightly vacant property behind her property; Jean Wilson-627 Fayette St.—edge of Glenn St. littered with bottles & trash, questions on future of Paradise Inn, weeds growing in sidewalk; Jesse Goode, 907 F St.-questions on how demolitions are prioritized, voiced concerns about a remodeling situation at his church involving costs to upgrade electric line and water issues, comments on lots available for NCI as well as the proposed medical school; William Eggleston, 1507 Roundabout-unsightly houses and trash reports; Vallie Hylton, 402 Second St.-reported unsightly yard at 2002 Second St., questions on grass cuttings being thrown into street; Gloria Hylton, 402 Second St.-reported city personnel use weed eater on R P Thomas property and throw grass into street, thinks it is good for community that there is much interest in Baldwin Block, inquired on what qualifies for compensating citizens as was brought up about the water issues on Lanier Rd.; City Attorney Eric Monday was asked by Mayor Adkins to comment on compensation to citizens and he pointed out that he would advise against compensation for inconvenience as this was a very slippery slope and this would significantly reduce the city's funds to do the things that the city is required to do; Patrick Wright,-1201 Spruce St., inquired if City Attorney was the DA, asked if there was a GED program at PHCC; Sidney Lee, Sellers St.-litter concerns and dangling wires concerns; Leonard Jones, 701 Starling-concerns on Council members representation for West End and addressing needs of that community; Officer Coretha Gravely addressed concerns regarding littering; Mrs. Drew-Fifth St.- litter concerns; Tony Jones-6012 Third St.-comments regarding NCI proposed building on Baldwin Block, concerns about future of Martinsville Mustangs, questions on construction in the West Side of Martinsville to enhance quality of life; Ken Karr, 935 Blankenship Rd.-comments on new NCI building, trees need trimming near 209B Fayette St., questions on placement of cameras for litterers.

There being no further business, Mayor Adkins adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm.

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Brenda Prillaman  
Clerk of Council

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Kim E. Adkins  
Mayor