

September 12, 2011

Martinsville City Council Neighborhood Meeting for the Druid Hills/Uptown area was held on September 12, 2011, at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville, VA at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Kim Adkins presiding and Council members present including: Kimble Reynolds, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, Sr., and Danny Turner. Staff present: Clarence Monday, Brenda Prillaman, Eric Monday, Mike Rogers, Kenneth Draper, Leon Towarnicki, and Andy Powers.

After the invocation was given by Ron Ferrill, Mayor Adkins asked Andy Powers to present his property maintenance report, and she then opened the floor for public comment. Sue Benfield of Susan Lane reported problems with neighbor's yard, weeds growing into street, and advised she is getting together a petition regarding the property. Monty Ridenhour, 1231 Mulberry Rd., commented regarding the MHS renovation spreadsheet and how to access it. The Mayor indicated it should be on the city schools' website and City Attorney Eric Monday will put in a FOIA request to the schools for Mr. Ridenhour. Mr. Ridenhour had lengthy comments regarding the cost of the renovations advising Council to re-establish priorities. Virginia King, 29 Jones St. commented about the graffiti Uptown and asked for Council to be more visible at Uptown events/stores to show their support. After hearing very brief comments from Council and there being no further business, Mayor Adkins adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.

Clarence Monday
Clerk of Council

Kim E. Adkins
Mayor