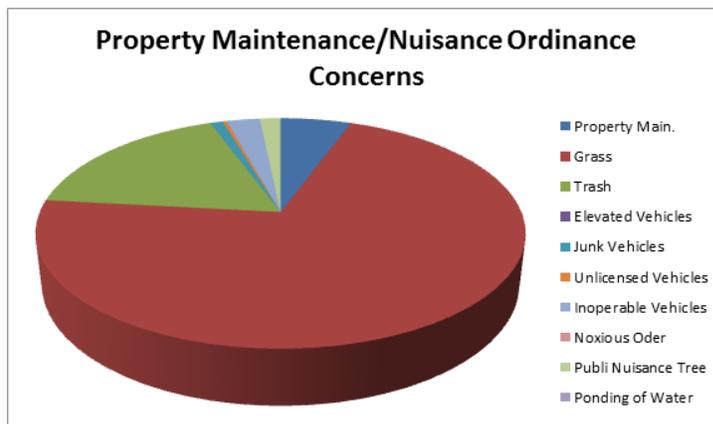


September 21, 2015

Martinsville City Council Neighborhood Meeting for the Druid Hills/Uptown area was held on September 21, 2015 at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, 725 Beechnut Lane, Martinsville, VA at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Danny Turner presiding and Council members present including: Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud, and Sharon Brooks Hodge. Staff present: Leon Towarnicki, Wayne Knox, Eric Monday, Karen Roberts, Sean Dunn, Coretha Gravely, Kenneth Draper, and Andy Powers.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. Andy Powers provided an update on the property maintenance report.



Property Maintenance -17
Grass-217
Trash-54
Elevated Vehicles-0
Junk Vehicles-3
Unlicensed Vehicles-1
Inoperable Vehicles-8
Noxious Odor-0
Public Nuisance Tree-5
Ponding of Water-0

Property Maintenance

No report

Demolitions

This year's demolition list began with 32 structures. We had great success working with owners to submit plans of action to repair or demolish their own structures in a timely manner. The City is moving forward to abate the 17 structures remaining. 7 of these structures need asbestos abatement before the demolition can occur. The public works department will raze and remove 11 of these and a contractor will complete 6.

Council Member Stroud said he thought it was a good idea to get the Police Department involved in property maintenance and he thanked Chief Dunn for his department's participation. Fire Chief Kenneth Draper agreed that having the police department involved in recognizing property maintenance issues has worked very well. Police Chief Dunn thanked them both for the recognition and agreed that the citizens appreciate the combined efforts and how fast the property maintenance issues are recognized and corrected.

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Coretha Gravely stated that the portable basketball goals are causing a problem, residents are setting them up at the end of the street and the children playing in the street is causing a traffic hazard. City Attorney Monday confirmed that she could contact Public Works to have those basketball goals picked up if the owners do not have them moved.

Mayor Turner outlined the neighborhood tour. Those attending the tour included Mayor Turner, Vice Mayor Bowles, Council Member Sharon Hodge, Council Member Mark Stroud, Council Member Gene Teague, Andy Powers, Leon Towarnicki, Coretha Gravely, and Mickey Powell. The tour visited Spruce Street, Beverly Way, Susan Lane, Meadowview Lane, Auburn Place, Independence Drive, and Valley View Road.

Comments from citizens: No residents attended the meeting.

There being no further business, Mayor Turner adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Danny Turner
Mayor