



TNA Community Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/24/14

Location: Trinidad Recreation Center

Name	Title	Present
Officers		
Robby Mann-Thompson	Chair	Y
Cynthia Hartley	Vice Chair	N
Sejal Patel	Secretary	Y
Dawn Boutelle	Treasurer	Y
Board members		
Matt Ashburn	Social Media Lead	Y
Danielle Bays		N
Jamie Berryhill		Y
Brian Camus		N
Marqui Lyons		Y
Erika Marshall		N

ATTENDANCE: ~ 45 community members

AGENDA:

Metropolitan Police Department

- Sergeant Matt Jones described incidents occurring over the past week.
- Addressed residents' concerns regarding:
 - Fireworks
 - Particular corners/areas with likely drug-related activities

Zoning Commission

- Anthony Hood, Chairman of the Zoning Commission, briefly discussed role of Zoning Commission and purpose of the Zoning Regulation Review.
- Described distinction between Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Adjustment.
- Distributed flyer with additional information.
- Encouraged residents to become involved in zoning discussions



Office of Planning

- Joel Lawson from the Office of Planning walked through a [Trinidad Zoning Regulation Review](#) presentation.
 - Described history of R4 zoning, and common issues arising for R4-zoned neighborhoods, and why Trinidad is especially vulnerable to problems arising with R4 zoning.
 - Described R4 standards that have already been changed, including revisions to measuring point for height of houses
 - Described new proposed amendments to Zoning Commission address common R4 zoning concerns and complaints.
 - Establish a front yard set-back
 - Reduce permitted height of penthouse on the roof
 - Eliminate incentives to “fill in” narrow courts and side yards
 - Limit building height
 - Change definition of mezzanine so that it is included in the number of stories
 - Eliminate ability to convert row houses to apartments
 - Allow conversion of larger institutional buildings by special exception
 - Transit Zones are no longer proposed
 - No longer proposing the parking reduction within ¼ mile of priority bus corridor
- For further information, please see handout titled “Trinidad Zoning Regulations Review Summary”

ANC5D Chair Kathy Henderson

- Encouraged residents to get involved in Zoning discussion and submit to submit questions, concerns, and proposed amendments to the ANC.

Council Member McDuffie’s Office

- Barbara Mack (legislative council, Committee on Government Operations), briefly presented on Council activities and initiatives and passed out the [Mary 29, 2014 Ward 5 Report](#) including:
 - Ward 5 Night Out – August 3rd
 - Laws passed:



- Budget Support Act, which ensures 50% of budget surplus will go toward affordable housing initiatives
 - Family Leave amendment, guarantees DC gov employees 8 weeks of family leave
 - Healthy Choices, which requires healthy snack options be included in all DC govt building vending machines
- Special election for attorney general will be held Nov 4th.

Department of Public Works

- Justin Ingea, SWEEP (Solid Waste Education and Enforcement) Inspector, addressed community questions and concerns
 - Addressed questions about and procedures for trash bin removal
 - Addressed concerns regarding overgrown lawns, and DPW versus DCRA (Vacant Building Enforcement office) role
 - Residents were reminded not to leave trash bins in alleys, as these have been used for transporting stolen property. Residents can also be fined for leaving trash bins in alleys.
 - Residents raised concerns over raccoon, possum, and rat populations
- Residents with questions or concerns regarding trash collection should contact Justin Ingea at Justin.ingea@dc.gov or 202-409-1139.