Tulip Hill Citizens Association Fall / Winter Meeting – December 9, 2012 Minutes

The fall / winter Tulip Hill Citizens Association (THCA) meeting took place on December 9, 2012, at the home of Lenore and John Clarke. (Thank you very much for hosting the meeting!) Liza Aronie, President of THCA. Liza called the meeting to order.

Introductions. Those present at the meeting introduced themselves and some more senior members of the THCA discussed the history of the Association and the neighborhood generally.

THCA Dues. The percentage of Tulip Hill households paying their THCA dues is low this year. The meeting discussed some options for increasing this percentage, including the possibility of sending out individualized payment statements.

Neighborhood Services. The meeting discussed trash collection and Pepco, including issues with tree cutting, rate rises, and intermittent power surges.

Dangerous Driving. The main topic of the meeting was unsafe driving in the neighborhood. There have been a large number of "close calls" where speeding and distracted drivers have come very, very close to hitting pedestrians.

Quoting from a follow-up email that Liza sent out a few days after the meeting:

There are frequent complaints in the neighborhood about cars driving too fast on neighborhood streets (especially around blind curves), pedestrians walking in the middle of the street rather than near the curb, and pedestrians (and frequently dogs) wearing dark clothing and not carrying lights at night. This is an extremely dangerous combination - I know we all want to avoid disaster. As this is a constant topic of conversation in the neighborhood, I am going to contact Montgomery County police to see what suggestions they have. In the meantime, please drive and walk cautiously, and remember that though the speed limit may be 25 mph, it is not always safe to drive that speed, especially when there could be pedestrians around the next blind curve. Accidents happen. Let's do everything in our power to avoid them.

Minutes from the Previous Meeting. The minutes from the previous June meeting were approved.

A motion to adjourn was raised and seconded.

Elizabeth Thede Secretary, Tulip Hill Citizens Association