

Dixieland Neighborhood Association (DNA) Meeting August 16, 2011

Board Members in Attendance:

President: Mary Smith, Treasurer: Karen Moore, Secretary: Rebeca Whitcomb

Vice President:

Business Chair:

Activities Chair: Rick Perez, David Whitcomb

Membership Chair: Faye Moore

The following were present for all or part of the meeting: Public Works Director: Rick Lilyquist, City Commissioners: Phillip Walker, Justin Troller, Don Selvage, ___Yeats, Howard Whiggs
Mayor Gow Fields

The meeting started around 6:35pm with self-introductions of attendees.

Karen Moore gave the Treasurer's Report. Faye Moore gave the report on membership. David Whitcomb gave the update on the Historic District Sign.

The guest speaker was Rick Lilyquist from Public Works to discuss the Automatic Residential Solid Waste collection EzCan program. It is scheduled to be implemented in Dixieland in 2012. They gave a visual slideshow presentation of the program with a short video by Gow Fields. The rear, semi-automated pickup by a 2-person crew was described as the method that will need to be used for the alley pickup. This requires smaller trucks than the fully-automated, 1-person trucks. The City wants to end the alley pickup or charge the Historic District residents for what is now being considered a "Premium" service.

They are moving to a pay as you throw model for billing trash collection. This will be based on the size of the can. The new program also includes a move to a 1-day a week rather than a 2-day a week collection schedule.

Questions were taken and discussed. Questions included the topics regarding the move to the 1-day service, the cost increase for alley pickup, the loss of jobs, cans being blocked by on-street parking, elderly and disabled residents and the historic nature of the neighborhood.

___ gave a presentation on the Alley Service Survey results that was sent out prior to the meeting. The only purpose of the survey was to test how much the current Alley Service customers would pay to keep the Alley Service. If the customers selected that they would not pay extra, the survey would exit without allowing for comment.

Questions were taken.

The Mayor made a statement that the EZCan program is a done deal. Our neighborhood will be moving to the new system whether Alley Service is continued or not. He expressed that they do not want to spread the cost of maintaining the current Alley Service amongst all of the

customers, but want to focus the cost on the Historic District customers who use the Alley Service, if the service is kept. The Mayor was unwilling to discuss the aesthetic effects of changing to curbside pickup on Historic Neighborhoods, but indicated that the cost was the main focus of discussion. The City claims that maintaining the service will be more expensive than what other City residents pay, due mainly to the labor cost of the semi-automatic trucks.

The meeting wrapped up by 7:45pm.