

Your HCCA Board works for you, the community

At the January 9th HCCA meeting, Michelle Peete, Fundraising Committee Chairperson, lead a discussion on the direction of an ad hoc committee, the **Legislative Committee**. At a minimum, this committee shall track, monitor, and study all legislative orders, rules, and regulations within the Council of the District of Columbia that effect the Hillcrest community and Ward 7. The HCCA community recognized that this is a large undertaking, therefore, it was decided to narrow the focus and make recommendations on areas that are of immediate concern to Hillcrest and Ward 7. Areas decided to focus on are:

Quality of life issues

- Crime
- Economic development
- Education
- Environment
- Traffic.

The HCCA community also decided that the committee will identify legislative issues concerning Hillcrest by informing the membership of hearings. The HCCA community requested that the committee should report monthly about legislative issues in the meeting and the newsletter. The HCCA community wants the Legislative committee to educate the membership about current and prior laws and establish regular communication with the Ward 7 council member, at large members, and the Council chair. Members of HCCA may find a complete outline of the discussion below.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE FOCUS

January 9, 2016

Quality of life issues

- Crime
- Economic development
- Education
- Environment
- Traffic

Identify/screen/select legislative issues concerning Hillcrest

- Provide feedback
- Notification of hearings
- Committee of a whole agenda
- Specify concerns

Monthly report of legislative issues

- Meetings
- Newsletters
- ListServ
- Emails

Educate about current and prior laws

Establish regular communication

- Ward 7 Councilmember
- At-large Members
- Council Chair

Awareness of legislative calendar

Determine/share/establish avenues to address specific concerns

Formulate official HCCA position following the HCCA by-laws and Roberts Rules of Order

Establish subgroups to address specific issues as needed

SPECIFIC AREA OF CONCERN RAISED

Housing and Property owned by DC and Federal governments

- ID Federal and DC owned properties
- Provide list of DC owned properties within Hillcrest boundaries
- Address the concept that “anything goes”, e.g., housing
- Nuisance housing