



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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BOARD MINUTES

January 4, 2014

In attendance

Michelle Phipps-Evans

Deborah D. Johnson

Sheila Brown

De'Andre Anderson

Kenneth E. Burke

A. Franklin Anderson

Phillip J. Hammond

Mattie C. Cheek

David Kirkpatrick

Mary F. Ross

Julie Rones

Monica Evans

The HCCA Board meeting was called to order at 9:15 by Michelle Phipps-Evans, acting on behalf of Karen Williams, President in her absence. Once a quorum was established at this meeting, the minutes of the December 7, 2013 meeting were read by Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary. The minutes were approved with corrections.

The January 4, 2014 Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed by Monica Evans, Treasurer. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be approved by the Board. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

No items were added to the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education and Recreation Report – De'Andre Anderson

An update on the status of DCPS reboundary process was provided by De'Andre Anderson. The Ward 7 representatives were unknown to the Committee and this was indicated to the Deputy Mayor. Ms. Ebony rose Thompson was appointed as a Ward 7 representative. The reboundary of DCPS will begin at the start of the 2015/2016 school year. Friends of Francis Gregory will hopefully join with the Committee to establish a scholarship for graduating seniors residing in Hillcrest to study Library Science. Money was donated to the library which covers this scholarship. Students would submit an applications for the program. The scholarship will be for \$1,500.

Survey findings – De'Andre thanked all those who responded to the survey. The Committee will be meeting with Chancellor Henderson who is expected to make her decision this month.

Fundraising Committee – Sheila Brown

Final reconciliation for Monte Carlo Night should probably happen this week.

Membership Committee - Phillip Hammond

Briefly reviewed the proposal to increase dues to \$15 per year, \$24 for 2 years. It is expected that the membership will vote on this increase at today's Membership meeting. If approved, Kathy Chamberlain needs to be informed in order to make the change in Paypal.

Quorum for membership is 10%. We will need to verify a quorum before taking a vote at today's meeting.

Environmental Committee – Mary Ross

We are resolving issues with EER missing article. It will appear in the January issue. After this EER appears in the Newsletter, the Committee will follow the odd month schedule as previously announced. The Rock n Roll Marathon will be in the area in March. The organizer will come to our meeting in February to give information on this

Communications –Mattie Cheek

Question - Can testimonies before committees appear in the Newsletter?

Discussion – The testimony can be presented at the Membership Meeting. Reports or articles submitted by a Committee can appear in the Newsletter.

Question – What do the By Laws say about this?

Response and discussion – Article 13 is not clear about this. This needs clarification. Anything in the name of the Committee is fine for the Newsletter. Controversial material could be submitted. Anything that is acceptable to the Committee should be included in the Newsletter.

First – Communications Chair makes a decision

For any grey areas or concerns, decision was not made on the process for this. Discussion needs to occur when the President returns. Guidelines need to be clear. This issue will be discussed at an upcoming meeting. The issue was tabled for now.

Ad adhoc committee was established to work on the clarifying language – Frank Anderson, Mattie Cheek, Phil Hammond.

Mattie reminded all of the Obama-Care sign up event today.

Issues and Announcements

HCCA Anniversary Luncheon

Julie Rones indicated that the Anniversary is set to occur at Gallaudet on Saturday, September 27 from 11:00am TO 2:30pm. \$500.00 plus an additional \$300 was paid to reserve this date and time. The President approved the increased amount. The menu can change up to 72 hours prior to the event at no additional cost. Jim Byers, Historian will speak at this event. He does tours of Hillcrest. We have entertainment volunteers.

The following committees will serve as co-chairs for this event:

Communications

Fundraising

Hospitality

Education

An e-mail was sent to members for comments.

Question – Why was Mr. Byers chosen as speaker?

Response – It was due to an article he wrote. Also he's been giving the walking tours of Hillcrest since 1996. Washington Homes published his article in 2010. The article is entitled "East Washington Heights." It can be found at the Library. He is speaking for free at the Anniversary.

There is still a need for a moderator. It was suggested that a former HCCA president could return to moderate such as Vince Spaulding. No comments on this yet. Paul Savage could be an alternative.

Roger Wilkins, a DC Court nominee lives in Hillcrest. He was suggested as someone to invite to speak at the Anniversary.

HCCA Friends of Hillcrest Recreation Center

Questions were asked about the proposed HCCA Friends of Hillcrest Rec Center group. It was asked if DCPR would receive the money raised. Michelle Phipps-Evans indicated that she would check into policy on this. She also indicated that there was no previous official HCCA group established for this purpose with DCPR.

New Years Resolution

Chaplain Anderson distributed a slip on New Year resolutions. These slips will be distributed during the Membership meeting in order to encourage people to commit to the HCCA and join a committee.

Guest Speakers

Guest Speaker for March – no suggestions

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:00am.

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary