



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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Membership Minutes

February 7, 2009

HCCA President Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Chaplin Hawkins gave the inspirational message followed by the pledge of allegiance. The January 2009 minutes were read and approved.

The attendee headcount at the February meeting was seventy (70).

Treasurer's Report

The associations' balance as of February 7, 2009 is \$4978.83. The Treasurer's report given by Richard Evans was approved by the general membership.

President's Report

- President Williams announced that a RFP was issued by the city's Office of Property management to solicit for developers for the Randle Highlands vacant property. It was brought to the President's attention that there were concerns that the property had been suggested as a half-way house for ex-offenders. The motion was made and approved to formally oppose the use of the building as a halfway house and that we support educational and cultural arts uses, particularly administrative purposes for the school. Carrie Thornhill will prepare correspondence to this effect to the Mayor and City Council officials on behalf of the HCCA membership.
- Committee work plans and timelines will be developed and generated for the entire year; the proposed committee activities will be posted on a calendar on the website.
- HCCA will seek a proclamation by the Mayor to have September declared HCCA month.

Skyland Report

Nkosi Bradley from the Deputy Mayor's office reported that with authorization from the city, the Skyland developers will be submitting the Planned Unit Development (PUD) to the Zoning Commission on February 17, 2009. He also noted that a decision from the Court on the Franco property is expected to be made in May 2009.

Membership Report

Mr. Anderson reported that there are 347 active memberships and 43 expired memberships. President Williams will send letters to the 43 members asking for continued membership and participation in HCCA.

Other Issues/Topics

- Randle Highlands Dance Troupe led by Principal Colston performed an African dance number for the membership. They received a standing ovation.
- Linda Perkins announced the city wide forum on the Anacostia Waterfront on February 17, 2009 at the MLK Library.



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Education & Recreation

Boyle Stucky announced that the Education and Recreation committee will hold a meeting on 2/17 to develop a committee work plan and solicit the community's help.

Introduced to the membership was the new Hillcrest Director of Senior Programs Mr. Butler. Mr. Butler highlighted the programs available to seniors at the recreation center.

DCPS Outreach Specialist Ebony Thompson was also introduced. She is the representative for the Parent & Family Resource Center serving Anne Beers and Randle Highlands. Her role is to act as an advocate, assess services, offer referrals and help parents navigate processes.

Library Report

Frances Keith announced the Chili Cook-off on March 21st between the hours of 12-4pm. Also announced were other programs for Black History Month.

Introduced to the membership is the new branch manager, Julia Karell. Ms. Karell announced that focus groups on library services will be held 2/28 & 2/19.

PSA 606/Public Safety Report

Inspector Simms gave a brief talk on the recent criminal activity and robberies within Hillcrest.

Also mentioned, the monthly PSA meetings will be revamped; there will a change in how the monthly meetings will be conducted.

Neighborhood watch coordinator and Public Safety Committee Chair David Kirkpatrick also highlighted crime stats compiled using the crime.com website.

ANC

ANC will hold a meeting on February 19th with WASA.

Street Traffic Transportation Committee

Carrie Thornhill introduced the STT committee members Yvonne Bing and Chief James Short and presented the 2009 board approved committee work plan. There was no speaker from the DC Department of Transportation as planned. A discussion proceeded around several projects in progress particularly Pennsylvania Avenue and the 11th Street Bridge. A motion was made and approved to reaffirm the April 5, 2008 HCCA resolution on the 11th Street bridge improvement project for presentation to the Mayor and City Council members at the February 11th City Council Roundtable.

The 50/50 winner was Paul Savage. The amount to the winner and the Treasury was \$34 each.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 and followed by the Councilmember's Roundtable and representatives of the Skyland Project. Ward 7 Council member Yvette Alexander and At-large Council member Kwame Brown were in attendance. Chairman Gray had to speak at another event.

Respectfully submitted

Yvonne Dupree
Recording Secretary