



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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Membership Minutes

April 4, 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 March 2009 minutes were read and approved.

The attendee headcount at the April meeting was 50.

Treasurer's Report

The associations' balance as of April 4, 2009 is \$4888.41. The Treasurer's report given by Richard Evans was approved by the general membership.

President's Report

President Williams started the meeting by announcing and congratulating the newly elected ANC commissioners Richard Evans of ANC7B06 and Robin Marlin of ANC7B05. Today's meeting will be an Open Forum and also attending is Councilman David Catania who has asked to speak to the membership.

Library Report

Tracey Sumner, acting Librarian gave the library report noting that the annual flea market will be held April 18th between the hours of 11AM and 4PM. Other scheduled events are the open mike night, DC Read and hand dancing.

ANC

Robin Marlin announced the ANC7B05 meetings every third Thursday of the month. The ANC will publish a list of speakers scheduled. Ms. Marlin also thanked the membership for their support.

Other Topics/Announcements

Carrie Thornhill announced the City Bridge Foundation will have the Annual City Year Scrub & Buff at Anne Beers on April 18th. Approximately 100 volunteers from Atlantic Media will be on hand for the event. The hours of the event are 8:30 AM to 5PM.

STTC- Carrie Thornhill announced that President Williams, Vince Spaulding and Kathy Chamberlain testified on March 31st at the roundtable on "Transportation Infrastructure Bonds" to support the use of the funds for the 11th Street Bridge project.

Membership

Mr. Anderson announced that the membership list has 389 members on it with 266 members that have paid in full through 2009. Mr. Anderson asked the membership to support the HCCA by acting as a recruiter to encourage neighbors and new residents to join the association.

Councilman David Catania Chairman of the Healthcare Committee gave a summary of some to the new projects and legislation that directly affects residents east of the river. The United Medical Center, formerly Greater Southeast, received accreditation last month and will be dedicated next week. The hospital is now equally equipped as any other facility in the city with state of the art MRI and hyperbaric wound care,



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nursing beds and long term acute care services. On this site will also be a children's emergency center and Southeastern University will have a campus on site for an Associates Degree program.

The investigation launched in February 2009 into the selling of prescription data by CVS will result in a settlement that will be announced soon. The settlement is to include a Minute Clinic, a 24 hour Pharmacy and the end of drug switching.

Mr. Catania's announcements were followed by a Q&A session.

Environmental

A motion was put before the membership to support the city council's bill to levy a five cents fee on plastic and paper bags. The motion was passed and the president will send a letter of support of this legislation.

PSA 606/Public Safety Report

Li Netter gave the crime and safety reports and announced that April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. At the next PSA meeting on April 15th a Youth Division Detective will be the guest speaker on Child Abuse Awareness.

Open Forum

First Vice President Bowser opened the session by introducing the board members and the committee chairpersons. The committee chairs also gave an overview of their respective committees. The topics raised at the open forum were:

- Membership – discuss methods of increasing membership rolls. Provide hardcopy roster to all members of the HCCA with the right to opt out because of privacy concerns. Acknowledge visitors and new members at each meeting. Announce the benefits of being a member. There were 2 new members and 1 visitor at today's meeting.
- Amin Muslim, Constituent Services of Councilmember Yvette Alexander briefed the membership on the sink hole and erosion on Park Drive. A walk through and survey has been completed by DDOE and WASA. A memo date 2/4/09 issued by the Office of General Council for DDOE confirms that WASA is required to maintain, repair all portions of the storm water infrastructure located in public spaces including catch basins.
- There will be a Spring/Summer Cleanup starting at East Washington Heights Church at 8AM; the environmental committee will leave notices that the committee has cleaned up.
- Councilmember Alexander joined the group and answered questions.

The open forum was well received and members felt that these should be held twice a year.

The meeting was adjourned at noon followed by the councilmember's roundtable.

Respectfully submitted

Yvonne Dupree
Recording Secretary