



Hillcrest Community Civic Association
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Membership Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2010

President Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. She announced that she has asked Council Chairman Vincent Gray to be the featured speaker this morning as the Safeway officials are not able to attend. Because the Chairman has another commitment, he will begin his talk on the city's FY11 budget at 10:30 a.m. and leave at 11:30 a.m.

Chaplin Hawkins read "How Often" as the inspirational message and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

May Meeting Minutes: President Williams read the minutes of the May 1, 2010 meeting that had been prepared by 2nd Vice President Kathy Chamberlain. It was moved by C. Thornhill and seconded by M. Bowser that the minutes be approved as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: First Vice President Marvin Bowser read the Treasurer's Report for May 2010. Myles Steele moved and Ms. Keith seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as read.

New Members and Visitors: President Williams and members acknowledged with warm applause new Hillcrest resident and member Selena West and visitor Lotoya ____.

Featured Speaker: Council Chairman and Hillcrest Neighbor Vincent Gray began his talk by noting that he contacted Craig Muckle at Safeway and encouraged him to come and talk to HCCA residents. With regard to the FY2011 budget, he covered much ground including the following:

- This has been the most difficult budget, revenue is challenge
- The Budget process – 56 days – not enough time this year to do all that needed to be done.
- This budget should be considered interim because it is not sustainable.
- Council restored Mayoral cuts to adult education, child care subsidy, and forensic audit of DCPS budget; approved obesity legislation and medical marijuana.
- A Public Hearing on the proposed \$140M Teacher Contract to be held in two weeks.
- \$3.4M set aside for Francis Gregory Library; have introduced a proposal to name Benning Library, the Dorothy Height Library.
- 70% of city workers live outside of city.
- Greater fiscal rigor is needed.

Chairman Gray's remarks were followed by a question and answer period. K. Williams thanked the Chairman for his leadership and faithfulness to his Hillcrest neighborhood and city and pledged HCCA's continuing support.

Police Report: Lieutenant Hodge stated that he believes Hillcrest suffers from continuing robberies because it is a middle income residential neighborhood. He noted the Pennsylvania Avenue substation lease has been extended to January 2011; MPD is looking into Merritt School for consolidation of 6D police facilities. HCCA will take the initiative to keep a substation on this end of the Ward. A neighbor raised the matter of the need for security around the Interim Library site.



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President's Report: K. Williams announced the resignation of A. Franklin Anderson as Membership Committee Chair and the appointment of his successor, Scott Akers. She reported that the Board had approved \$259 to support the Recreation Center's Cookout. The Public Safety Committee is re-energizing Neighborhood Watch and will be selling tee shirts at \$10 each. The Café Press was recommended by a neighbor as a tool to help advertise the tee shirts on line.

Francis Gregory Library: Myles Steele reported that the opening of the Interim Library was delayed by plumbing and electrical problems; expected to open next week; next Friends meeting to take place at 4002 Que Street, SE. The annual Jazz Concert will be held on June 19th, 6-9pm at the Interim Library. Renowned saxophonist will perform that evening. Questions were raised regarding security for the Interim site in the 10pm – 4am time frame and why the existing library was closed before the interim was opened. Robin Marlin is in charge of Hillcrest participation in the annual July 4th parade by our Palisades partners. Robin noted that the Palisades parade is a big deal and encouraged participation by Hillcrest.

ANC 7B Report: Robin reported on progress being made on the Fort Davis Shopping Center. She encouraged everyone to be careful to the construction on Pennsylvania Avenue. They are doing more than what was planned. Call the ANC at 202.584.3400 if there are questions. June 17th is the next meeting.

Garden Tour: M. Bowser noted that the 17th Annual Garden Tour will take place on June 19th and will be a walking tour of Westover Drive. (Hillcrest's Platinum Coast noted Carrie)

Announcements: C. Thornhill announced that President Obama has nominated Hillcrest resident Robert Wilkins as a judge for the US District Court.

The **50/50 Drawing** was won by Councilwoman Yvette Alexander who donated her share of the proceeds.

According to the sign in sheet, there were ___persons in attendance at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12Noon and the Councilmember Roundtable commenced with CM Alexander participating.

Respectfully submitted:
Carrie L. Thornhill
For Yvonne Dupree, Secretary