



## Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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### Board Minutes June 1, 2013

**Present:** David Kirkpatrick, Boyle Stuckey, Frank Anderson, Philip Hammond, Michelle Phipps-Evans, Monica Evans, the Rev. Kenneth Burke, Mary Ross, De'Andre Anderson, Mattie Cheek and Michelle Peete, a guest for the Fundraising Committee.

President Karen Williams called the Hillcrest Community Civic Association's board meeting to order on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at 9:15 a.m.

Police Chief Kathy Lanier, June's speaker, had to be rescheduled for July, due to an emergency.

#### Committee Reports

**Education and Recreation Committee:** Chair De'Andre Anderson planned to present the certificate for Teacher Appreciation Week to Valyncia Hawkins, the teacher who received the \$25,000 excellence in teaching award. She was born and raised in the District and works at Anne Beers Elementary.

**The Environmental Committee:** Chair Mary Ross and the committee met with D.C. Department on the Environment (DDOE) to discuss the planned restoration of Alger Park, the park that's bounded by V Place, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> streets, Hillcrest and Park drives. DDOE submitted a grant request for \$1.4 million for stream restoration and another \$1.4 million for road work, e.g., public space rain gardens, pervious pavers, green alleys, etc. The Environmental Committee plans to work with DDOE on keeping Alger Park's issues in front the community's consciousness. She said the committee will write it up in the July newsletter and upcoming editions, and have flyers about the park posted at the June 15 garden tour. There was a suggestion, too, to have Karen Williams sign a letter in support of the efforts of Alger Park. Mary also discussed encouraging residents to sign up for DDOE's Smart Homes project as a possible additional solution as the rain barrel, trees and bay-scaping components can help homeowners control the amount of drain water entering the streams; therefore, assisting the park.

**The Public Safety Committee:** Chair David Kirkpatrick talked about Cathy Lanier's sudden cancellation for the June meeting and stated she'll be the speaker in July. There was some discussion about Officer Andre Persaud's recognition by a resident while Lanier was present. National Night Out is the first Tuesday in August and Dave will touch base with the relevant people.

**Fundraising Committee:** Member Michelle Peete on the Fundraising Committee showed the Monte Carlo night invitations and the large promotional poster. The event is on Saturday, July 13, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Eastern Market North Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Southeast. The cost to attend is \$50 per person. Patrons will receive light fare, beer, wine, music and prizes. Michelle

made a motion that was properly moved and seconded to expend \$1,196.26 toward catering expenses. In accordance with the bylaws, the issue will be raised and voted upon by the membership following the board meeting. The organization and cost of this fundraiser will be jointly shared by the HCCA and the Marshall Heights Community Development Organization.

**Karen Williams:** The HCCA president discussed the slow sales for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual garden tour on June 15. She talked about the concept of time banking, where, as a community we can share talents with one another. There can be a formalized system where skills can be exchanged. It can be where a senior can receive a free ride, etc. She said she'll write about it for the newsletter. For the upcoming July 4 parade in the Palisades, HCCA will meet around 9 a.m. at the East Washington Heights Baptist Church at the corner of Alabama and Branch avenues. Residents who want to ride bikes can do so.

**Rev. Kenneth Burke:** The Parliamentarian discussed the amendment to the bylaws that will expand the pool of candidates who can run for the HCCA positions such as president, vice president, secretary, parliamentarian and chaplain.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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First Vice President