



## Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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### Minutes of the Board Meeting

June 6, 2015

#### **In attendance**

Michelle Phipps-Evans

Kenneth E. Burke

Phillip Hammond

Mary F. Ross

James Perkins

Linwood Robinson

Ruth V. Lewis

Jeanne Contardo

Monica Holman Evans

Michelle A. Peete

The HCCA Board meeting was called to order by Michelle Phipps-Evans, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

The minutes for the May 2, 2015 Board meeting were approved by the Board.

The June 6, 2015 Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed by Monica Evans, Treasurer. Monica indicated that it has been a year since the HCCA contribution to Randle Highlands with no response. The motion was approved by the Board to remove this contribution to Randle Highlands and place it in the HCCA Scholarship Fund.

The Board approved the Treasurer's report.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### Communications – Ruth Lewis

Ruth summarized the Newsletter printing issue. The printer went out of business. Quick Digiprint handled the printing for this month's newsletter. Ruth was thanked for ensuring a seamless transmission.

Ruth has another quote for consideration by the Board.

For 290 newsletters

\$325.31 - printed

\$215.00 – printed + postage + tax

The Board approved Quick with the intent to reduce the number of printed copies.

Question – Should we conduct a Hillcrest survey to determine how many newsletters to print?

##### Education and Recreation – Jeanne Contardo

Two applications are in for the HCCA Scholarship. We will stick to the July 15<sup>th</sup> application deadline. There may be tax implications for the recipients. Jeanne will look into this. Survey – education survey

for the community through Survey Monkey. Something broader can be done and distributed through the HCCA listserv. A subcommittee was established to consider an HCCA survey (Jeanne, Ruth, Deborah, Phil, James).

Environment and Beautification – Mary Ross

Street sweepers came out for the Spring Cleanup. It would have been better if more HCCA participation. The next cleanup is scheduled for September. The Alger Park restoration is supposed to begin before the end of the year. On August 17<sup>th</sup>, the Committee will host a Poster Contest party so that the participants can prepare their posters.

Fundraising – Michelle Peete (Not present)

Membership – Phillip Hammond

The cleanup went well. Phil thanked all who participated. There will be a Membership Walk for this coming Saturday at 10:00am. Hillcrest will be divided into three quadrants and people will be assigned to walk the quadrants. He made copies of the handouts. All are to meet at East Washington Heights Baptist Church.

Phil indicated that there is a need to order pick up sticks and gave a summary of the potential cost. The Board approved \$500.00 (estimate) for the purchase of 25 pickup sticks at \$20 each for the members of the Board with the Board selling the remainder. They will remain with the Committee for the community cleanups. This issue will be addressed at the Membership meeting.

Public Safety and Emergency – James Perkins

They are considering conducting a survey regarding cameras in the neighborhood, in public space. The Board and the community need more information on the process. There are concerns regarding privacy. It was suggested that a private firm could be invited to speak to the Membership about this at the August meeting.

National Night Out is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup>. The next PSA meeting will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm

Street, Traffic and Transportation – Linwood Robinson

There is community concern regarding the illegal riding of off road vehicles including dirt bikes in the neighborhood. Police are reconsidering their policy on this. Linwood indicated that he will ask a question about this during the PSA report at today's Membership meeting.

**Membership Requests, Community Concerns & Miscellaneous**

Memorial Contribution

The Board discussed the policy for memorial contributions. This is the policy recognizing deaths and new arrivals in the community. Suggestions – Welcome Kit, Community Walk (Saturdays). This discussion was tabled for later consideration.

Schedule of the HCCA

- Build calendar for the HCCA
- Send the calendar items to Deborah Johnson to complete and send to Kathy for the website

Hillcrest Garden Tour

- Indira was notified of that the Garden Tour is cancelled.

Hillcrest Walking Tour

- Jim Byer is interested in conducting a tour.
- No cost for this tour.
- Issue was tabled for further discussion

Citizens Association

- Michelle indicated that she invited Earl Williams to attend today's Membership meeting.
- He will ask for volunteers to serve as delegates to the Citizens Association.
- Michelle and Boyle will determine who might be interested.

Speakers for the Membership meetings

- July: Courtney Snowden, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, Wards 7 & 8
- August: ?
- September: Michelle Peete is handling this
- October: Representative of the Fine Arts Center

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary**