



## Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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### Minutes of the Board Meeting July 11, 2015

#### **In attendance**

|                       |                   |                  |
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| Michelle Phipps-Evans | Kenneth E. Burke  | Linwood Robinson |
| Boyle Stuckey         | Phillip Hammond   | Deborah Johnson  |
| Mary F. Ross          | James Perkins     |                  |
| Ruth V. Lewis         | Michelle A. Peete |                  |
| Monica Holman Evans   |                   |                  |

The HCCA Board meeting was called to order at 9:10am by Michelle Phipps-Evans, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

The minutes for the June 6, 2015 were read by Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary. The minutes were approved by the Board.

The July 11, 2015 Treasurer's Report was distributed and reviewed by Monica Evans, Treasurer. The checking account was converted to a Choice checking account which incurs charges. The Board discussed options for avoiding fees including moving account to BB&T. The Board approved moving the account to a Simple Business Account at Wells Fargo and will in the meantime continue researching BB&T as an alternative. Treasurer's report was approved by the Board.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### Communications – Ruth Lewis

The Newsletter was late this month. Information is needed on the speaker by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to get Newsletter out on time. The Board discussed the status of the current Newsletter.

American Printing has a reimbursement to the HCCA for postage. Ruth passed the notice on to Monica for follow up.

The Committee returned to the web revamp effort. They found someone who can design the website. Ruth asked if the HCCA can provide him with a stipend. HCCA is willing to give something minimal. Ruth will discuss this with the person and bring this issue back to the Board.

##### Education and Recreation – Jeanne Contardo (not present)

Jeanne's report was read to the Board, including the draft survey. If anyone wants to suggest changes, send comments to Jeanne. The Committee's report and draft survey are attached to these minutes.

##### Environment and Beautification – Mary Ross

The Committee would like to invite DDOT representative to discuss the ravine at Alger Park. It is considered dangerous. The meeting will be held on Monday at 7:00pm.

### Fundraising – Michelle Peete

The Committee is looking at dates in October for Monte Carlo Night. They will ask for volunteers to help via the Newsletter.

### Membership – Phillip Hammond

The June 13<sup>th</sup> Membership Walk was successful. Six people participated. Six people renewed their membership. Phil asked other Board members to take the membership information and forms and walk their own blocks. He requested that the information be printed in color. The Board is evaluating the cost of this.

### Public Safety and Emergency – James Perkins

National Night Out is August 4<sup>th</sup>. There are concerns in the neighborhood, including rush hour traffic. There is also concern regarding crime and Do Not Enter signs on specific blocks.

The following is needed: 1) 4-way stop sign at 31<sup>st</sup> and W St.; 2) 4 way stop sign at Hillcrest Dr. and Park Dr.; 3) More police presence in our neighborhood; 4) Warning for tree cuttings before fines are issued.

Boyle, James and Linwood are working on a plan to address neighborhood concerns.

## **Membership Requests, Community Concerns & Miscellaneous**

### Palisades Parade

It was reported that the Palisades Parade went well. Michelle will submit an article on it to the Newsletter.

### Heritage Neighborhood Tour

Michelle has been speaking to Jim Byers. He would like to conduct the tour. They are trying to work out the process and schedule

### Federation of Civil Associations update

No update for this meeting. The delegates are Phillip Hammond, Barbara Savage, Mary Ross, Michelle Phipps-Evans, and Robin Marlin. Updates are needed on the activities of the Association.

### Citizens Associations update

The delegates are Michelle Peete, Terrance Peete, Sheila Brown, Karen Williams and Ed Potillo.

### Hillcrest Day

An update is needed on the plans for Hillcrest Day.

### Term Limits

Term limits discussion was tabled for now.

### Speakers for the Membership meetings

- July: Courtney Snowden, Deputy Mayor for Economic Development, Wards 7 & 8
- August: Michelle Peete will ask her supervisor if he can move to August
- September: Kathy Lanier

- October: Kaya Henderson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30am

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary**

Attachments

## **Education Committee Updates (to be read at the membership meeting)**

- There are two updates from the education and recreation committee this week.
- First, the Hillcrest Education Scholarship application deadline is this Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. The \$1500 scholarship is for graduating high school seniors who will be entering college this fall, and who live within the boundaries of Hillcrest. The application is on the HCCA website, so if you know of any students who should apply, please encourage them ASAP.
- Second, Jeanne Contardo has been approached by the CEO of DC Prep, the DC-based charter school network. They are interested in exploring the Winston campus as a potential site for a new elementary/middle school campus... and they are eager to enter into conversations with the community early on in the process. To this end, the Education Committee is hosting a meeting this Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at the Francis Gregory Library, to meet with the CEO and CFO of DC Prep.
- The goal of this conversation is to meet with the parents in the community to discuss questions you might have and whether DC Prep should proceed with this exploration.
- If you would like to come to the meeting, please email Jeanne Contardo for headcount purposes AND send her any questions you specifically want to address.
- Jeanne's email is [Jeanne.contardo@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanne.contardo@gmail.com)

## 2015 Hillcrest Survey

### Survey goals:

- Serve as benchmark year for annual Hillcrest survey, collecting relevant demographic and community engagement data.
- Learn about key community concerns for the coming year.
- Use survey to raise awareness of annual Hillcrest events.

### Household demographics:

- 1) How long have you lived in Hillcrest?
- 2) How many people live in your household, and what ages?
- 3) Which Hillcrest events have you attended in the past two years?
  - a. Hillcrest Civic Association meeting
  - b. Monte Carlo Night
  - c. Hillcrest Day
  - d. Art auction
  - e. Neighborhood cleanup
  - f. Environmental poster contest
  - g. Hillcrest garden tour
  - h. Other (Please clarify):

### Hillcrest Civic Association Communication:

- 4) On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 is not valuable and 5 is very valuable, how valuable do you find the monthly Hillcrest newsletter?
- 5) How do you prefer to read the monthly newsletter?
  - a. Emailed to me
  - b. Printed and mailed
  - c. I visit the Hillcrest website
  - d. Other (please clarify):

### Hillcrest Activism

- 6) Please rank the following issues in Hillcrest, where 1 is your greatest area of concern and 9 is your least concern:
  - a. K-12 education
  - b. Environment
  - c. Traffic
  - d. Safety
  - e. A walkable community
  - f. Road conditions

- g. Grocery and other retail shopping
  - h. Recreation center
  - i. Francis Gregory library
- 7) On a scale of 1 to 5, how interested are you in exploring public safety cameras in the community?
- 8) On a scale of 1 to 5, how interested are you in exploring bulk neighborhood purchasing of private security cameras to place on private property?

#### Education and Community Activism

- 9) What is the age and highest level of education for each member of your household?
- 10) Do you have school age children in your house?
- a. If no, skip to next question
  - b. If yes, say ages and where they attend school
- 11) Do you or your family members plan on attending other educational opportunities? If so, which ones?
- a. Workforce training
  - b. Associates degree
  - c. Bachelors degree
  - d. Masters degree
  - e. Doctoral or other professional degree