



## Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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### BOARD MINUTES

October 5, 2013

#### **In attendance**

Karen Williams	David Kirkpatrick	Franklin Anderson
Deborah Johnson	Boyle Stuckey	Phillip Hammond
Sheila Brown	Mark Johnson	
Michelle Phipps-Evans	De'Andre Anderson	
Kenneth Burke	Mary Ross	

#### **PROCEEDINGS & MINUTES**

The HCCA Board meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Karen Williams, President. The minutes of the September 7, 2013 meeting were read by Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as read. The minutes were approved as read.

Karen Williams gave the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Monica Evans and briefly reviewed the contents with the Board. There was \$8,879.97 in the balance at Wells Fargo Bank. A check was received from Marshall Heights for \$500.00. We are still awaiting \$1,500.00 from Wal-Mart and a return of our deposit of \$450.00 from Eastern Market. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was moved and seconded. The Treasurer's report was approved by the Board.

No additional items were added to the agenda for this meeting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Communications** – by Karen Williams on behalf of Mattie Cheek

Mr. Love resigned from his position. Karen handled the newsletter. It was prepared at the last minute but went out in the previous format.

**Public Safety Report** – David Kirkpatrick

There is a plan to address the burglary problem at Naylor Gardens. A safety walk was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 40+ people participated. Commander Contee, Lt Hodge, Officer Persaud and several other MPDC officers also participated. The Neighborhood Watch committee generated a letter about the area problems. This letter came from the HCCA.

The Police Department will explain how Twitter works as a quick way to report problems at the next PSA meeting. This should also be presented at an HCCA Membership meeting. A meeting should be held about how to deter crimes in our neighborhoods and at home.

**Education and Recreation Report – De’Andre Anderson**

The Committee met with Chancellor Henderson in September. It was a successful meeting. She will submit her offers on the application school for our comments. The Board was reminded of the October 15<sup>th</sup> form at 6:30pm at Randall Highlands.

It was mentioned that there is confusion about the different education components in DC such as the OSSE, the State Board and the Public Charter School entities. This needs to be clarified.

**Environmental Committee – Mary Ross**

Mr. Hammond reported that the cleanup was successful. Eighteen people came out to help. Others did “cleanups in place” in their own neighborhood. Board has approved \$100.00 for material needed for cleanup. Receipts were turned in for \$95.00. We need more pickup sticks. There is a goal to give a pickup stick to all residents of Hillcrest to keep the community clean.

Hillcrest Drive is a speedway. Trash is dropped there every day. A stop sign at Hillcrest Drive might help. A petition is needed signed by the neighbors for a sign. It was agreed that this will be brought up at the next PSA meeting.

**Fundraising Committee – Sheila Brown**

There will be no trip on October 26<sup>th</sup>. An alternative date is Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> for the same trip leaving at 1:00pm and returning at 9:00pm. Cost of the bus is now \$850.00. It was agreed that an announcement of this change would be made to the Membership to see if this date is okay.

**Street, Traffic and Transportation – Mark Johnson**

11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project representatives asked if the Membership would want to participate in a tour. It is proposed for 10 – 12 next Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Mechanical street sweeping is needed on some of the side streets. Metro plans to reroute buses in our neighborhood.

**Issues and Announcements**

**Board minutes**

It was indicated that the Board minutes were not on the Listserv. The minutes should be available to the public. It was also stated that the minutes should cover Board decisions. A question was raised about whether or not the decisions of the Board should be made before the Membership? After brief discussion, no decision was made to change the current Board decision-making process. Michelle Phipps Evans will check to see if the Board minutes are available to the public.

Mary Ross raised concern about the August minutes. She indicated that the minutes do not reflect the proceedings. The minutes of the Board and Membership meetings should accurately reflect the proceedings. Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary indicated that in discussion with Karen Williams, she agreed to obtain a volunteer to take the minutes of meetings in her absence. It was agreed that that August minutes would be sent to the Board for reconsideration and comments.

Also, the request was again made to review all checks that would support HCCA's paying dues to the Federation of Citizens Association of DC. It was agreed that the information would be provided.

#### Hillcrest Hall of Honor

Chaplain Frank Anderson proposed that a “Hillcrest Hall of Honor” be established by the HCCA the Hall would honor those who have contributed or sacrificed for the benefit of our community and our city. He also proposed that the first honoree be Arthur Daniels, a Southeast resident who was killed on September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Navy Yard. Dennis Logan was also proposed as a candidate for induction into the Hall of Honor. A motion was moved and seconded that the proposal to establish a Hillcrest Hall of Honor be brought before the Membership for approval. Board approved this motion as stated.

#### HCCA Logo

The HCCA Logo Committee has not met yet.

Guest Speaker – Ms. Rone and others will speak on the Anniversary at the Membership meeting.

The Membership will be asked for suggestions for 2014 activities.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:00am.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary**