



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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Hillcrest Community Civic Association Minutes of the Board Meeting October 4, 2014

In attendance:

Karen Williams
De'Andre Anderson
David Kirkpatrick
Monica H. Evans
Phillip J. Hammond
Boyle Stuckey
Michelle Phipps Evans
Sheila Brown

The HCCA Board meeting was called to order by Karen Williams, President at 9:40 a.m. The September minutes were not read. President Williams advised that HCCA Recording Secretary Deborah Johnson is hospitalized and undergoing a medical procedure. She will get a card/flowers to send to her from the HCCA Board.

Monica Evans shared the Treasurer's Report dated October 4, 2014 which reflected beginning balance of \$11,641.89, total income of \$7,851.26, total expenses of \$10,564.29 leaving a balance of \$8,928.86 in Wells Fargo with an additional \$1,000.00 for the HCCA Scholarship Fund at the BB&T Bank.

Also, Monica reported that BB&T says as a benefit, all members of HCCA are eligible for free checking. More details will be provided perhaps at a future membership meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee – De'Andre Anderson

All mayoral candidates agree with the Education's Committee recommendations for the boundaries recommended for east of the river in the DME's final proposals for feeder patterns. The candidates all stated they would hold off on implementing the portion that effects East of the River schools for at least another year, and would re-visit the proposal. The candidates stated they will work on quality of the schools. HCCA did not request a meeting with any of the candidates.

Karen reported that Fletcher B. Johnson School (Benning Rd and 55th Pl) has been closed. The RFO has been released for a charter school. Even if the charter school is approved, there is still room for additional usage. The Ward 7 Education Council wants to hear from Ward 7 residents for ideas for did usages for the site. Ideas should be sent to Karen by 10/31/14. The Ward 7 Education Council would like to consider a facility similar to The ARC in Ward 8.

Environmental Committee – Mary Ross

The fall community clean-up campaign was successful. The streets were filled with lots of trash. The Environmental Committee could use more help from the membership for the spring and fall clean ups.

Phil Hammond suggested having “no littering” signs posted in problem areas. Boyle Stuckey volunteered to contact DDOT about the signs.

Mary gave an update on The Save the Monarch Poster Contest. Certificates were given to the winners at the September HCCA meeting except for one student who may be at the membership meeting today.

Public Safety Committee – David Kirkpatrick

David mentioned complaints he has received about Good Hope Market Place. He mentioned to the police department that they might consider posting crimes on the DC cable station similar to “America’s Most Wanted” as a deterrent and to get the community more involved in solving crimes.

President Williams mentioned that Gary Dobbs at 240.372.4454 manages the Good Hope Market Place and wants to hear about problems at that location. She also suggested that we get the PSA involved in solving the problem.

David went on to raise concerns about people loitering at Naylor Road and Alabama Avenue. He acknowledged that DC does not have a no loitering law, so the police are somewhat limited in what they can do.

Mary further stated that there are also crime problems at the Hillcrest Rec Center and its manager’s lack of response to crime problems on the property.

President Williams suggested that these issues need to be raised to Lt. Hodge and Commander Contee. David has talked to both of them and will continue to do so.

Fundraising Committee – Sheila Brown

The Fundraising Committee and the Environmental Committee are still considering a holiday tree celebration. This will involve planting and decorating the tree. The best location seems to be Branch Avenue and Erie St. A sign-up sheet will be circulated at today’s membership meeting for those who want to work on this event.

The Fundraising Committee awaits the results of the Anniversary committee for the final intake for the silent auction for the scholarship fund at the luncheon.

Hospitality Committee – Sheila Brown for Yvonne Burke

The Committee needs to know if the membership wants a holiday luncheon on the 1st Saturday in December. If so, the committee needs to know if they want a pot luck or a catered luncheon. Also, they need committee members to help decorate, set up, clean up, program, etc. A sign-up sheet has been prepared and will be circulated to the membership.

AD HOC Committees

The 25th Anniversary Luncheon was a success. Good price for the printing of the programs. The contractor who does the newsletter also provided the pens that seem to be of good quality.

Hillcrest Day will be Saturday, October 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Based on the last request/approval for funding, the committee is entitled to request about another \$900.00. President Williams will not be in attendance as she will be out of town. Sheila Brown will circulate a sign-up sheet for bake sale donations. The proceeds from the bake sale will be shared between HCCA Scholarship Fund and Anne Beers Elementary School.

MISCELLANEOUS

President Williams stated that she has been told it’s difficult for younger parents to participate in HCCA membership meetings because of child care and the length of the meeting. She has talked with Mr. Henry Moten, the manager of the Hillcrest Recreation Center, who has offered the room next to the meeting room as an area for the kids. It was proposed that HCCA would hire a person to provide child care for the children who is CPR and first aid certified.

Monica Evans raised concerns about HCCA liability. Mary Ross suggested that the person purchase liability insurance as it is not real expensive.

Michelle Phipps-Evans asked if DCPR could have an employee provide the service. That would eliminate HCCA liability and certification issues.

President Williams proposed that HCCA look into some kind of child care arrangement. Boyle Stuckey offered to lead a sub-committee to explore options and report back to the Board.

Guest speaker suggestions:

Division of Motor Vehicles -

Marijuana Legislation - Legalization

BB&T Representative – Free Checking Acct for HCCA members

The meeting was adjourned by the President Williams at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sheila Brown, Chair
Fundraising Committee