



**Hillcrest Community Civic Association**

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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**Minutes of the Board Meeting  
October 1, 2016**

**In attendance**

Michelle Phipps-Evans  
Boyle Stuckey  
Kenneth Burke  
Ruth V. Lewis  
Linwood Robinson

Phillip Hammond  
Mary F. Ross  
A. Yvonne Burke  
James Perkins, Jr.

Michelle Peete  
A. Franklin Anderson  
Monica H. Evans  
Jeanne Contardo

The HCCA Board meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Boyle Stuckey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

The minutes for the September 3, 2016, meeting were read by Boyle Stuckey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. The minutes were approved with amendments. Specifically, it was Michelle Phipps-Evans who offered to bring a coworker who leads a civic association in Ward 4 to discuss ideas for building membership; not Michelle Peete. And second, based on the last monthly meeting, discussion was made to keep the current HillcrestDC domain name; not change it.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The October 1, 2016, Treasurer’s Report was distributed and summarized by Monica Evans, Treasurer. Monica led a discussion on the merits of the organization securing a debit card tied to our checking account. A. Frank Anderson (in what turned out to be his final meeting before his passing November 2) suggested that we have rules to guide the use of the card. Others countered that the card will be governed by the same laws as the checks and the checking account. The Treasurer will manage its use. Michelle Peete said the card will be welcomed as she’s not comfortable with paying for HCCA-related bills upfront and then receive reimbursement. Others agreed. After extended discussion, the board voted unanimously to pursue the debit card.

**Committee Reports**

Fundraising – Michelle Peete

The Crab Fest is set. All 57 tickets were sold and a \$2,000 profit is expected from this activity.

Membership – Phillip Hammond

Nothing new to report. Per Kenneth Burke, the Membership role is important in an election year. All potential candidates have to be current in dues payment.

Communications – Ruth Lewis

Ruth needed a decision on what the HCCA board will do about the Hillcrest web hosting program. The board voted unanimously to use godaddygo as the Hillcrestdc.com hosting site after brief discussion.

Education – Jeanne Contardo

The Education Committee is now separated from the Recreation Committee after the membership voted on the separation last meeting. Jeanne and the committee wrote a letter addressed to the Mayor, the DCPS Chancellor Search Committee, the Deputy Mayor for Education and the Boyden Executive Firm on HCCA's requirements for a schools chancellor. The committee wants a visionary leader, with demonstrable experience managing system-wide change; one embracing the urgency around providing educational equity, quality and opportunity east of the river; one who can build a leadership team to reconfigure DCPS to better serve each ward; and assurance that the final chancellor has strong experience in building strong K-12 education pipelines with a focus on the middle school gaps. There was a discussion on the use of the word chancellor versus superintendent. The board voted unanimously to send the letter.

Environment – Mary Ross

A letter was distributed expressing gratitude to volunteers for participating in the fall HCCA clean up September 17.

**Membership Requests, Community Concerns & Miscellaneous**

Open Discussion

Holiday Party – Yvonne Burke said that after working with the caterer, the cost will be \$1,917 for 55 people. It would work out to \$34.85 per person. She wanted to present this to the membership.

By Laws – Kenneth Burke

Kenneth Burke provided the proposed language separating the Education and Recreation Committee into the Education Committee and the Recreation Committee, which was voted on and approved by the Board in the September meeting. The membership has to approve the changes, which it will vote on during this October meeting. Kenneth Burke will present the changes to the membership this month.

Board Elections – James Short has accepted the position as chair of the Nominating Committee and has started the nominating process.

Hillcrest Day – Hillcrest Day 2016 is all set for Saturday, October 15, from 11 am to 3 pm. Delia Perry reported that the HCCA was partnered with THEARC and East of the River newspaper this year. Food will be supplied by Safeway. Thearc will provide people to assist with logistics and with the entertainment. There will be a magic show, East of the River Steelband, face painting, a moon bounce, a firetruck, popcorn, cotton candy and more. Additional volunteers are needed and T-shirts will be provided. There will be a community walk from the Francis Gregory Library, led by one of the committee members. Hillcrest Day was made possible because of the efforts of Earl Williams who received a donation of \$5,000 to have the event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:38 am

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Michelle Phipps-Evans, First Vice President**