



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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## General Membership Meeting Minutes

### October 6, 2018

Meeting called to order at 11:06 by Michelle Peete, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

Michelle welcomed any new members and visitors. There were no new members or visitors in attendance.

Michelle read a quote, acknowledge that there were only two board members in attendance, and stressed the point that volunteers run the HCCA, and the Association still seeks volunteers.

Lieutenant Jessica Hawkins went over the PSA report. There was an increase in robberies and property crimes. The area was down in violent crimes. Theft from autos is the highest crime lately. She indicated that participating in a camera program assists the police in identifying individuals. For those concerned about stolen vehicles, the Lieutenant suggested the FIN system, which is a GPS system and detects movement and tampering of vehicles. The system will send a text to your phone.

Michelle stated that we did not have the meeting minutes from September; therefore, we could not approve the minutes. However, in November, we will read the minutes from September and October.

Michelle read the treasury report. The membership approved the report unanimously at 11:23 AM.

Michelle thanked those who donated 50 bottles of wine to the wine raffle and thanked those that purchased raffle tickets. We were able to award two winners. The proceeds will go towards the HCCA Scholarship fund.

Michelle mentioned that Hillcrest Day was a success and enjoyable. HCCA is looking for a new chair for the next Hillcrest Day. A member of the Association requested that next year's committee consider placing the bouncy house and fire truck slide in a different location because the trucks interfered with the sprinkler system on the grounds.

Sheila Brown spoke on behalf of the nominating committee and provided an update. HCCA has a candidate for every position except fundraising. Sheila requested that everyone come to the November meeting to vote. Only members in good standing, those who have paid their dues for 2018, are able to vote. Michelle presented the slate of names on the ballot. For those who cannot make it, there will be a proxy vote included in the newsletter. The return envelope must be post marked by November 3, 2018.

Sheila also mentioned that the casino trip is October 20, 2018. Members could purchase tickets for the trip in today's meeting. The deadline for purchasing tickets was October 6, 2018.

Sheila also requested volunteers for the tree lighting committee.

The guest speaker, Carly Didden, began her presentation at 11:32 AM. Carly works for a telecommunications company by the name of Crown Castle. Her company is installing small cell towers throughout the city. Her company is working with Mayor Bowser's SMART city initiative. Crown Castle's first application was approved for 42 small cells and 8 of them are in Ward 7. This is phase 1 for Crown Castle and they plan on applying for 72 additional small towers throughout Ward 7 in subsequent applications. There's a DOT public space committee public hearing that will take place on October 15, 2018 at 1 PM.

Mrs. Burke mentioned that the Holiday party will be the first Saturday of December. The cost will be included in the November newsletter. She is also looking for volunteers to serve on her committee.

Mr. Davis from DPW announced that residents should not include plastic sleeves or shopping bags in the recycle. He also mentioned that November 1, 2018 is when leaf collection season begins and alley-cleaning requests will be suspended. Mr. Davis also mentioned that he has hardship forms in the back of the room for residents. He has hardship forms for trash pickup and snow removal. A trash hardship will assist seniors or the disabled with picking up their trash bin from within the yard. The snow removal is an exemption from having the snow removed from public space in front of your house within 24 hours after the snow ends. The hardship programs are an annual program and applicants must apply on a yearly basis.

ANC Commissioner, Robin Marlin, announced that the house on the 2800 block of Branch Avenue has been sold. The advertisement on the front of the house has been removed. The next ANC meeting is October 18, 2018 and the guest speaker is Vincent Gray. DCRA had a representative attend the September meeting.

Wesley, the Ward 7 Mayor's liaison, announced the ribbon cutting of the Ward 7 Short Term Family Housing project on October 9.

A Special assistant to Councilmen Gray announced that she provided a handout of a list of legislation that Gray has introduced. She also mentioned that the Ward 7 Dems meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month at the Dorothy Heights library.

Carolyn Lynch, representative from Friends of Francis Gregory Library, announced that October 20, 2018 will be the annual flea market from 9 AM to 3 PM. It will be held at the East Washington Heights Baptist church. The cost is \$25 per vendor and you need to bring your own table and chairs.

The 50/50 raffle yielded \$7. \$3.50 went HCCA and the remaining \$3.50 went to Yvonne Burke, the winner of the raffle.

The meeting was adjourned by Michelle Peete at 12:30 PM.