



Hillcrest Community Civic Association
"Working Together for a Better Community"

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Membership Minutes

November 7, 2009

HCCA President Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Chaplin Hawkins gave the inspirational message "Autumn Prayer" followed by the pledge of allegiance. Chaplain Hawkins then recounted an attempted robbery at his home by 3 masked gunmen, and cautioned residents to stay alert.

The October 2009 minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The associations' balance as of November 7, 2009 is \$7386.85. The Treasurer's report was approved by the general membership.

Membership

In the absence of Frank Anderson, Kathy Chamberlain reminded membership that about 90 out of 390 members have not yet paid dues for 2009.

The membership approved increasing dues to \$12/year, effective January 1, 2010. Any dues paid before that date will be at the \$10/year rate, regardless of how many years are paid.

The membership directory booklet will be made available for purchase at the January 2, 2010 meeting at a cost of \$5. All members who have paid dues through 2009 will be listed except those who have notified Kathy by mid-December that they do not wish to be listed. All who purchase a booklet will be asked to sign a statement saying they will use it only for neighborhood purposes and will not copy or give it to anyone else.

Library Report

Yvonne Burke reported in the absence of Miles Steele who was attending the funeral of a library employee. Ms Burke reported on the children, teen and adult programs to be held during November. In February-March 2010, the library will be moved to an interim location behind Beers School in preparation to the construction of the new library. For library information, contact Julia Karrel at 645-4297 or Julia.Karrel@dc.gov.

ANC7B

Commissioner Robin Marlin welcomed Bill O'Field who rejoined the HCCA and who was a founding member of the HCCA and a former ANC 7B commissioner.

The speaker for the Nov. 19th meeting will be Isaac Fullwood, Chairman of the United States Parole Commission. The Zoning Commission will conduct hearings on 2 zoning issues affecting Hillcrest: Skyland to be rezoned to commercial, and Francis Gregory Library to be rezoned for increased building density. ANC 7B Chairman Phillip Hammond announced that Mayor Fenty conducted a press conference at Twining Park to announce the beginning of the Pennsylvania Ave SE project reconstruction within the next few weeks.



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Other Topics/Issues

Lynnell Humphrey of Councilmember's Alexander's office announced that there will be regular cleanups of the Pennsylvania Ave and Minnesota Ave area by DPW workers in blue suits.

Derek Green of Green Gardening visited for the second time to promote herb and vegetable gardening, and composting, in Hillcrest.

Yvonne Burke announced a food giveaway by East Washington Heights Baptist Church, funded through a grant by "Abe's Table", an Abe Polin foundation.

Public Safety

David Kirkpatrick discussed webcam security software that makes it easy to use a webcam for Internet home surveillance. More can be found at www.homecamera.com.

Lt Netter and other PSA 606 officers provided crime statistics for the month of October. Netter provided safety tips and information.

Julia Irving announced a decorating contest for the 6D police station and substation.

Guest Speaker: Dr Jonathan Gueverra, Chief Executive Officer, Community College of the District of Columbia

Dr. Gueverra emphasized the goal of a high graduation rate while maintaining high grading standards. He stressed the importance of higher education and the negative economic impact of poorly educated youth. He asked for HCCA's support in making the community college a success.

50/50 Pick - Yvette Alexander won the drawing but donated her winnings to HCCA.

Meeting adjourned at noon, with 51 people in attendance. The meeting was followed by the City Council Members Roundtable.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Chamberlain
2nd VP and webmaster