



NEWSLETTER

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Next Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008, at 10 a.m.

At the Hillcrest Recreation Center, Corner of Denver & 32nd Streets, SE

NOTE: Meetings are normally held the first Saturday of the month.

3RD ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE TREES FESTIVAL



The HCCA Environmental Committee's third annual *Blessing of the Trees Festival is slated for Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Washington Seniors Wellness Center, 3001 Alabama St., SE, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.* Admission is free. This event is an HCCA effort to raise funds for its schools and youth. HCCA has committed to providing support for Anne Beers Elementary School, to assist in providing uniforms for teams at the recreation center and other support. At the festival, there will be fun and learning for the entire family—free workshops, entertainment, food and other items for sale. Please support these efforts in any way you can.



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Any comments or story ideas, please e-mail the newsletter editor,

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Agenda for Hillcrest's Monthly Meeting in September

10 TO 10:30 A.M., Regular business including vote on bylaw changes.

10:30 TO 11:15 A.M., Status report on Skyland Town Center development by Gary Rappaport and Skyland team

11:15 TO 11:45 A.M. City Council Roundtable.

Blessing of the Trees Festival at 30th and Alabama Sts., SE.

Proposed Changes to the HCCA Bylaws

to be discussed at Sept. 6, 2008, meeting

The changes outlined below: (a) follow Bylaw changes of a new Organizational Mission Statement and Boundaries for the Association voted at the June membership meeting; (b) are the result of ideas from member discussion and months of work by members of the board of directors; and (c) review of provisions of Roberts' Rules of Order. These changes were read at the Aug. 2, 2008, membership meeting

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Message from the President

Dear Neighbors,

As we enter the fall season of my term as president of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association, it is time for me to call for help from the membership. My term has been devoted to looking at the structure of HCCA and working with the board and the membership to bring our organization into the 21st Century. We still have a lot of work to do, a lot of issues to tackle, and more development to look at.

The election for new board members happens in November. The new board structure will be voted on by the membership at the September meeting. The by-law changes are in this newsletter. Many members of the current board have been serving for years and are ready to retire and I am asking for your help.

First we need a Nominating Committee Chair. I'm still looking and may have someone by the time this newsletter is published, but there are plenty of opportunities for you and your talent to serve this organization. In the October newsletter we will publish a list of open positions and provide information about how to get on the ballot.

Thank you all for your support over the last two years. Here is an opportunity to get in on the action.

Karen Lee Williams
President, HCCA

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES *(Continued from page 1)*

and will be acted upon at the Sept. 6 membership meeting. Note that only the underlined words in the red print represent a proposed change in the bylaws. Issues of clarification or concern should be brought to the attention of members of the Bylaw Committee—Parliamentarian Kenneth Burke and First Vice President Carrie Thornhill before the meeting or at the Sept. 6 membership meeting. The existing bylaws may be found at www.hillcrestdc.com/docs/bylaws.pdf

SECTION 2 is to be substituted for the existing Sections 2 through 13 and the existing SECTION 14 is to be re-numbered SECTION 4. Also, in ARTICLE 3, the new SECTION 2 is to be inserted after SECTION 1 and each of the existing Sections (including existing SECTION 2) is to be numbered upward by 1.

ARTICLE 3 DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. NUMBER

The Association shall have up to twenty one (21) directors, collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. These Directors shall consist of seven (7) at-large directors who will be elected officers (President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain and Parliamentarian); seven (7) directors who will chair the seven Standing Committees: and ex-officio members.

SECTION 2. EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Ex-officio members of the Board shall include: past presidents of the Association, the Historian, Editor of the Newsletter, and at-large directors who function as chairs of Ad Hoc Committees including Nominations and Hospitality. Such ex-officio members of the board shall be entitled to make motions and vote, but shall have no obligation to attend board of director meetings and shall not be counted in determining a quorum.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

SECTION 7. DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENTS

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President next in rank shall perform all the duties of the President and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions on the President. The First and Second Vice Presidents shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the President.

ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

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PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES (Continued from page 2)**SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES**

There will be seven (7) Standing Committees: Education and Recreation; Environmental and Beautification; Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness; Membership; Communications; Streets, Traffic and Transportation; and Fundraising.

2A. Education and Recreation—The Committee shall act as liaison with and keep the community abreast of education and recreation activities that directly and indirectly impact the Hillcrest community. The Committee shall develop plans, activities and recommendations for information and action including advocacy on legislation. The Committee will prepare an annual budget and report to the board of directors on all expenditures.

2B. Environmental and Beautification—The function of the Committee is to promote the preservation of a green, healthy, and clean community by monitoring, informing, and educating on pollutants that threaten our air, trees, streams, landscapes, and parks. Additional functions include: to serve as a liaison to local and federal agencies on sanitation concerns such as rodent and insect infestation; to enhance the appearance of the community's public spaces, commercial and private dwellings; to identify and adopt areas of neglect and abandonment and to plant, mow and maintain these areas. The Committee shall develop plans, activities and recommendations for information and action including advocacy on legislation. The Committee will prepare an annual budget and report to the board of directors on all expenditures.

2C. Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness—The Committee shall monitor and advise on issues of public safety, law enforcement, fire and emergency preparedness. The Committee shall act as liaison with the appropriate public and private agencies and keep the community abreast of these issues. The Committee shall develop plans, activities, and recommendations for information and action including advocacy on legislation. The Committee will prepare an annual budget and report to the board of directors on all expenditures.

2D. Membership—The Committee shall maintain a current list of community residents and their membership status in the Association. The Committee will engage in activities that will both preserve and increase the membership of the organization including appropriate communications to the membership and prospective members. The Committee will prepare an annual budget and report to the board of directors on all expenditures.

2E. Communications—The Committee shall keep the membership informed on activities affecting the Association and the community including Libraries and ANC7B. Methods used by this Committee shall include publishing of the newsletter, written media (newspapers, mail and electronic distribution of the HCCA newsletter, etc) telephone trees, listservs, emails, etc. The Committee will prepare an annual budget and report to the board of directors on all expenditures.

2F. Streets, Traffic and Transportation—The Committee shall monitor, advise on and keep the membership abreast of plans and proposals for street, traffic and transportation changes or improvements. The Committee shall serve as liaison to public and private agencies. The Committee will develop plans and recommendations for information and action. The Committee will prepare an annual budget and report to the board of directors on all expenditures.

2G. Fundraising—The Committee shall aid the other committees in their efforts to raise funds from their various activities. The Committee shall be responsible for promoting the 50/50 raffle at membership meetings and one other fundraising event per year. The Committee will prepare an annual budget and report to the board of directors on all expenditures.

SECTION 3. AD HOC COMMITTEES

The President will name a chair for each ad hoc committee. Said chair will be eligible for membership on the Board of Directors. The quorum for the Board of Directors shall be determined by the number of elected officers and chairpersons of standing committees.

Ad Hoc Committees may include (but shall not be limited to) Hospitality; Home & Garden Tour & Holiday Decorations; Nominations; Awards; and others as needed.

- (a) Legislation (to be deleted)
- (b) Recreation (to be deleted)
- (c) Strategic Communications (to be deleted)
- (d) Annual Garden Tour Committee (to be deleted)
- (e) Hospitality Committee (no change)

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(f) Nominating Committee: This Committee shall perform all necessary duties as outlined in Article 4, Section 3.

ARTICLE 9
MISCELLANEOUS

Items in the Newsletter and Web site shall be limited as stated in the purpose and mission statement of HCCA. The newsletter shall not be used for paid advertisements; only non-sectarian, educational, and charitable organizations and activities will be posted.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

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| 6 | 10 a.m. | HCCA Meeting, Hillcrest Recreation Center 32nd and Denver Streets, SE |
| 8 | 7 p.m. | Friends of Francis Gregory Library Meeting Francis Gregory Library, 3660 Alabama Ave., SE |
| 10 | 10 a.m. | Goodhope Marketplace Taskforce Meeting Goodhope Police Substation, 2800 blk Alabama Ave., SE |
| 17 | 6 p.m. | PSA 606 Police/Community Meeting Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter, 3319 Alabama Ave., SE |
| 18 | 7 p.m. | ANC 7B Monthly Meeting Ryland Epworth Methodist Church, 3200 "S" St., SE |

Scout meeting every Saturday morning, 9:30 a.m.—Cub Scouts;
11 a.m.—Boy Scouts at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____ ZIP code: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

New Member: _____ Renewal: _____

I'd like to serve on the following committee(s): _____

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