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HILLCREST NEWSLETTER

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GUEST SPEAKER: COUNCILMEMBER KENYAN MCDUFFIE



Kenyan R. McDuffie, Councilmember for Ward 5, was first elected to the Council of the District of Columbia in a 2012 special election. In November, Ward 5 voters overwhelmingly re-elected him to a full four-year term.

Shortly after taking office, he was elected by his colleagues to serve as Chair Pro Tempore and Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, where he oversees more than thirty agencies and commissions. Councilmember McDuffie is chair of the Committee on the Judiciary, which is responsible for all legislation related to criminal, civil, and administrative law in the District of Columbia

Councilmember McDuffie has a strong legislative record. He ushered through sweeping campaign finance and ethics reform bills, which enhanced government accountability and transparency in the financing of District elections. He was also instrumental in expanding funding to preserve and create affordable housing to ensure that the District of Columbia remains home to individuals and families across the city.

Councilmember McDuffie began his career in public service working for Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton shortly after graduating *summa cum laude*

from Howard University. He went on to receive his Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law, where he served as an editor of the University of Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender and Class.

Prior to joining the Council, Councilmember McDuffie worked extensively in the legal and public safety fields. He served as a law clerk for an Associate Judge on the 7th Judicial Circuit of Maryland and worked as an Assistant State's Attorney in Prince George's County, where he prosecuted misdemeanor and felony cases in District Court and on appeal in Circuit Court.

Councilmember McDuffie served as a trial attorney for the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where he conducted investigations and managed cases throughout the United States regarding enforcement of key federal civil rights statutes—including defending the rights of the mentally ill and working to reform the policies and procedures of police departments. He also worked as a policy advisor to the District's Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice.

Councilmember McDuffie and his wife, Princess, live in his childhood home in Ward 5 with their two young daughters, Kesi and Jozi.

Special points of interest:

- **Hillcrest Community Civic Association Meeting**
Hillcrest Recreation Center
32nd and Denver St., SE
Saturday, October 1
10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
- **PSA 606 Police Community Meeting**
East Washington Heights
Baptist Church
2200 Branch Ave., SE
Wednesday, October 19, 6 PM
- **ANC 7B Monthly Meeting**
Ryland Methodist Church
3200 S St., SE
Thursday, October 20, 7 PM

HCCA BOARD RECOMMENDS SEPARATING EDUCATION AND RECREATION COMMITTEES

Change to the BYLAWS Required

The Board of Directors of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association is proposing a change in the Bylaws to separate the Education and Recreation Committee. At the regular Board meeting on Sept. 3, the Board unanimously voted to recommend a change in our Bylaws which will separate the Education and Recreation Committee into two Committees – the Education Committee and the Recreation Committee.

The proposal was read at the regular membership meeting held on Sept. 3. Now it will be up to the membership to vote on this proposal at the next meeting scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1. It will take a two-thirds affirmative vote of those present to effect the change, provided that a quorum is present. A quorum is 10% of the membership.

The Bylaws also require that the proposed changes be printed in the newsletter. There follows the proposed changes:

In ARTICLE 3 DIRECTORS, SECTION 1. NUMBER

Change the total number of allowed directors from twenty-two (22) to twenty-three (23). Also change the number of directors who are serving as a chair of a standing committee from seven (7) to eight (8) and change the number of Standing Committees from seven to eight (8).

Jumping down to ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES, SECTION 2. STANDING COMMITTEES

Change the number of Standing Committees from seven (7) to eight (8), delete the conjunction and between Education and Recreation and replace the word "and" with a semicolon, so that the opening paragraph of SECTION 2. Standing Committees reads:

There will be eight (8) Standing Committees: Education; Recreation; Environmental and Beautification; Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness; Membership; Communications; Streets, Traffic and Transportation; and Fundraising.

In Paragraph 2A. Education and Recreation -- delete the word Recreation in the title of this paragraph and delete the words *and recreation* in that same paragraph.

Add a brand new paragraph at the end of Section 2 which will read:

2H. RECREATION - The Committee shall act as liaison with and keep the community abreast of 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.

IN AN UNRELATED MATTER, SOME YEARS AGO THE ASSOCIATION DROPPED THE OFFICE OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FROM ONE SECTION OF THE BYLAWS, BUT FAILED TO REMOVE A REFERENCE TO THAT OFFICE IN ARTICLE 4; SECTION 1, "DESIGNATION OF OFFICERS." Therefore the Board recommends that the words "a Corresponding Secretary" be dropped from the above Article 4, Section 1.

Kenneth Burke, Parliamentarian

PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION & ELECTION OF HCCA OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

In August 2016, Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA) Co-Chairperson Boyle Stuckey, announced our HCCA organization was seeking a volunteer to become Chair of our HCCA Nominating Committee (NC), for our 2016 Elections. At the HCCA September meeting member, James N. Short was appointed Chairman of the NC. Our HCCA Board approved the nominating and election procedures, which follow our HCCA Bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order (RRO). The newly appointed NC Chair also received approval from the Board to solicit additional members for the nominating committee. To date, we are seeking Standing Committee Chairs for the following: Chaplain; Public Safety; Streets, Traffic & Transportation; Communications and the newly reinstated Recreation committee.

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PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION CONTINUED.....

Nominations will/are being accepted at or before our HCCA October 2016 meeting, for any of the Board Offices and or Standing Committee chair positions. Those interested in serving or nominating someone to serve in any of the positions, are encouraged to make their intentions known by contacting the Nominating Committee Chair, James N. Short, as soon as possible at (202) 575.2012 or fire.short@comcast.net.

All applicants seeking to serve in any office, MUST, reside within our Hillcrest Community, as defined by the HCCA Bylaws; Also, they MUST be finically in good standing (dues paid up to date). Additionally, in order to VOTE, all eligible voters dues MUST be current & up to date! At the HCCA October 2016 meeting, the NC Chair will announce a slate, comprised by the Nominating Committee, based on the most available up to date & accurate information. At that time the HCCA President will then inquire regarding any nominations coming from the floor. Any modifications and or objections should come forth at that time. All candidates for office are strongly encouraged to submit or provide a brief summary (paragraph) about themselves, to include, but not limited to prior involvement in our HCCA Organization/Community (activities/activism/positions held etc.). Also, any vision of how our HCCA organization will be moving forward and how they will assist in that endeavor. These statements will be compiled and provided to the NC Chair, no later than, Saturday, October 15, 2016. Afterward, these statements compiled and provided to the membership prior to our voting at the HCCA November 2016 meeting and election. The NC Chair reserves the right to edit said statements for brevity.

At the HCCA November meeting, the NC Chair and the Membership Chair will determine paid members, who are eligible to vote; and will issue each one a secret paper ballot. Any nominations from the floor at the HCCA November 2016 meeting will have to be write-in candidates. You MUST be present at the HCCA November 2016 meeting to vote. A "Teller Committee" to be appointed by the President (not to include any nominating committee members), will count the ballots and announce the winners for each office/committee chair, before the HCCA November 2016 meeting adjourns.

HILLCREST DAY2016
Saturday, October 15, 11:00am-3:00pm
Hillcrest Rec Center
3100 Denver St. SE, Washington, DC 20020

- ❖ Moonbounces
- ❖ Live Stage Performances
- ❖ Food & Drinks
- ❖ Fire Truck Slide
- ❖ DJ Pumpin' Archie
- ❖ Magic Show w/ Fast Freddie the Clown
- ❖ Pumpkin Decorating
- ❖ And Much More...

Make Sure to Join the Fun Walk to Hillcrest Day!
 Register at <http://hillcrestdaycommunitywalk.eventbrite.com>
 T-Shirts Can Be Purchased and All Proceeds Benefit the HCCA Scholarship Fund.

This Event Is in Partnership with:

East of the River
www.eastoftheriverdcnews.com

HILLCREST
 COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

"Working Together for a Better Community"

HCCA FALL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

The Hillcrest Community Civic Association's Environmental Committee, with Phil Hammond as manager, met at East Washington Heights Baptist Church parking lot, 8:00am on Saturday, September 17th to begin the HCCA Fall Hillcrest Community Clean Up. The Clean Up crew consisted of HCCA Boards members and neighbors. The Department of Public Works assisted by providing a truck to pick up the bags of trash collected and a street sweeper. The Environmental Committee thanks all of those who helped to make the clean up a success!



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www.hillcrestdc.com/paydues.htm

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