

Minutes HCCA Monthly Membership Meeting January 8, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 by HCCA President, Vince Spaulding. Chaplain, John Hawkins read an inspirational message for the "New Year", followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the December meeting were read by Karen Lee Williams and approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis Logan gave his last report as Treasurer of HCCA. HCCA has a balance of \$3,296.47 in Wachovia Bank.

President's Report:

- Vince thanked Sam Williams for the room set up and all he has done to facilitate the use of the center.
- Vince thanked the new Board members for stepping up.
- HCCA is joining the Federation of Civic Associations.
- There was a short discussion of the logistical issues still facing HCCA with the move of its meetings to the Hillcrest Recreation Center.
- Vince called for the membership to help increase the number of households in HCCA to 500.
- Gloria Logan has been approved by the Board as the HCCA Official Historian; the by-laws will be amended as necessary.
- Tony Gettings will be the guest speaker for February and Sharon Ambrose will be the guest speaker for March.

The Board of Directors for 2005 were sworn in by Vincent Gray, City Councilman for Ward 7, swearing the following oath: I name , having been duly elected to the position of position , do solemnly swear to uphold the constitution and by-laws of the Hillcrest Community Association to the best of my ability. I further swear that I will exercise my best judgment and will consider each matter before me in the best interest of the citizens of the Hillcrest community, so help me God!

The Board of Directors for 2005/2006 are: Vincent Spaulding, President; Pastor Franklin Senger, President Emeritus; Kathy Chamberlain, 1st Vice President; Carrie Thornhill, 2nd Vice President; Karen Lee Williams, Recording Secretary; Brandi Williamson, Corresponding Secretary; Monica Holman Evans; Treasurer; John Hawkins, Chaplin; Kenneth Burke, Parliamentarian; Richard Evans, Fund Raising Chair; Willard Poteat, Information Chair; Evelyn Primas, Membership Chair; Linda Jackson, Youth and Education Chair; Boyle Stuckey, Recreation Chair; Mary Ross, Environmental/Beautification Chair; Virgil McDonald, Legislation Chair; Marvin Bowser, Garden Tour Chair; and Howard Ways, Strategic Communication Chair.

Committee Reports

Fund raising: Richard Evans suggested to the membership, he would like to develop a line of HCCA promotional items to be sold to raise money for the organization. He encouraged all to participate in the 50/50.

Information: Willard Poteat reported that on January 27th there will be a meeting at Ballou Senior High for the development of the D.C. Comprehensive Plan, for Wards 7 and 8. This plan will shape city policy for the next 20 years.

NCRC Manager Ted Risher updated the membership on the “Skyland Project”.

- Offers have not yet gone out to the businesses now located in Skyland but they should be made by the end of the month.
- The site should be turned over to the contractors by the end of the year.
- There is currently \$31.5 million in the budget. There are some budgetary gaps and meeting and proposals have been put forth to remedy this budget shortfall.

Membership: Evelyn Primas reported that we are now 422 members, with 4 new households last month.

Education: Linda Jackson called on the membership for volunteers to step forward to become the a new Executive Director for this year’s “Neighbors Through Arts” program. She reported that she had been meeting with the principals of the 3 schools in Hillcrest to determine their needs and how HCCA can interface with them.

Public Safety: Vince announced Ed Wilhelm’s resignation as chair of the committee. Vince called for someone in the membership to step forward as a replacement.

Environmental: Mary Ross called for the old members of the committee to sign up again for the coming year.

Legislative: Virgil McDonald introduced George Awkard the manager of the group home at 2553 36th Street. Mr. Awkard explained the purpose of the group home and invited the membership to attend an “Open House” he is planning for the community. Mr. Awkard also answered questions from the membership.

Annual Garden Tour: Marvin Bowser reported his committee will start planning the 12th Annual Tour this month and will have a report on the date and time of this year’s tour at the next meeting.

Strategic Communications: Howard Ways reported the committee is working on ways to get the word about Hillcrest out o the city as a whole. The committee is working on an Antique Auto Show in Fort Dupont and a “Heritage Tour of Hillcrest”.

Neighborhood Watch: Ann Curtsinger reported to the HCCA membership that she wanted updated information on block captains so she can update the Neighborhood Watch Booklets.

PSA Report: Officer Mason reported there was a decrease in thief from autos but an increase in auto thieves. Robberies are up and there have been 2 attempted car jackings. Officer Mason asked the membership to be aware of their surroundings and not to leave their cars running to warm up in the morning.

Vince concluded the meeting with the following:

- This is the beginning of a new year and your HCCA dues are due. Please see Monica Holman Evans to pay.
- Ellen Tolbart was given her service award.
- Robin Moreland will represent HCCA at the D.C. Federation of Civic Association meetings.

Ward 7 Councilman Vince Gray was the guest speaker. He addressed the membership with information about his first week as a councilman and his plans for Ward 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Lee Williams
Recording Secretary