



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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Hillcrest General Membership

Minutes

January 05, 2008

HCAA President Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. December, 2007 minutes were read and approved by the general membership.

Chaplin Hawkins provided the inspirational message followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Richard Evans on behalf of Monica Evans. The associations balance as of January 01, 2007 is \$3822.23. The Treasurer's report was approved by the general membership.

President's Report

President Williams announced the January 26th board retreat and asked that the general membership submit suggestions and/or recommendations for review.

- Vince Spaulding has recommended to the board that one of his neighbors be invited to speak before the general membership to present her experiences dealing with contractors recently and to inform the membership on how the problems were resolved. President Williams also suggested that the resident create an article for the newsletter.
- The announcement was made that 2008 membership dues are due today, January 5th and that a full membership report will be given by Zack Gamble.
- A briefing by ANC 6A02 Commissioner Joseph Fengler on the topic of noise pollution will be presented at today's meeting.
- The Christmas decoration contest was a success and winners are present at today's meeting for acknowledgement by the HCAA.

Information Chair – Willard Poteat

Commissioner Joseph Fengler of ANC 6A02 was presented by Willard Poteat. Mr. Fengler and the ANC 6A08 is seeking support from the Hillcrest Community on legislation to change the existing D.C. Noise Law. The current law allows amplified speaking during the hours of 7AM and 9PM. This has been a growing problem for the H Street corridor and with the looming construction of the H Street Streetscape project the ANC believes that the problem could be pushed into the Hillcrest area.

Mr. Fengler is seeking support in the form of a letter from the HCAA; Rev Senger put forth the motion to support the legislation. The motion was seconded by Carrie Thornhill with a review of the legislation to ensure that the HCAA point of view is supported. Motion approved by general membership.

Library Report – Ms. Mtewa

Ms. Mtewa announced that the Jazzy Holiday celebration and the Kwanza Celebration were successful and enjoyed a good turnout. Also announced were the upcoming MLK holiday program, Black History month program and book discussion groups.



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Ms Mtewa also announced that she had been asked to take on 5 community libraries to implement programs at other libraries similar to those at Francis Gregory. Finally, Ms Mtewa announced her retirement on January 3rd and thanked the community for their support during her tenure as Librarian at Francis Gregory.

Bryant Brown will now be responsible for the Francis Gregory and Shepard Park Libraries.

ANC7B – Robin Marlin

Robin Marlin addressed the membership on the post holiday celebration to be held at the next ANC meeting.

- There will be a community meeting January 23 held by Neil Albert on the Skyland project.
- Curb installation has begun along Camden and other side streets.
- Robin and other Hillcrest members including the owners of the home on Branch and Frankfurt attended a meeting with DCRA to discuss the new house under construction. A survey has been conducted of the property and results are pending. There will be a review of the initial survey methods and how the survey was implemented. The ANC asked that all regulations are met as the home is under construction.

Recreation – Boyle Stuckey

Alonzo Patterson announced the programs underway or in development. There are plans to implement a yoga class, intergenerational volleyball. A new landscape contract will take over in the spring of 2008 to care for the grounds at Hillcrest. Mr. Patterson thanked the HCAA and the community for their support of the Hillcrest Recreation Center.

- DC Parks and Recreation Community meeting will be held January 9th at 6:30. Orville Wright has announced that survey results will be available.

Membership Report – Zack Gamble

Zack Gamble reported on the current number of members whose membership has expired and will be dropped from the roles. A revised membership list will be supplied to the HCAA for review. Membership dues for 2008 are due as of today, January 5th and members are urged to renew today.

- A motion was put forth and passed to drop 191 members that have not paid dues since 2006. The motion was seconded and approved by the general membership.

Strategic Communications Committee

Mr. Bowser presented the 10 homeowners whose homes were selected in the winning categories for holiday decorations. Winners were given a round of applause.

Public Safety

Sgt. Michael Harvey gave the PSA606 report in Lt. Netter's absence. The crime report was distributed to the general membership and Sgt. Harvey gave a brief overview of the crime statistics. Also announced were increased patrols at bus stops, gas stations and throughout the community. Theft alert issued to remove mobile GPS systems from view. GPS thefts are up. Next PSA606 meeting is January 16th.

Guest Speaker: Thomas E. Hampton, Commissioner DC Dept of Insurance, Securities and Banking



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Michelle Phipps-Evans announced Mr. Hampton as today's guest speaker. Mr. Hampton discussed the five areas that his department regulates in the financial services industry. He provided the group with a wealth of information on subprime mortgages, auto insurance, banking, homeowner insurance, payday lending and other services. A Q&A session followed and Mr. Hampton was thanked for a very informative session.

50/50 Winner Miles Steele

Meeting adjourned 12:00 Noon followed by the Council member's roundtable with Chairman Gray and Councilmember Yvette Alexander.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Dupree