



## Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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### Membership Minutes

January 5, 2013

The regular meeting of the HCCA was called to order by President Karen Williams at 10:10am followed by an inspirational message from Chaplin Frank Anderson and the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Minutes and the Treasurer's Report**

The December 2012 minutes of meeting were read by the Recording Secretary, Deborah Johnson. There was one correction. There was a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Motion to approve the minutes was seconded. The minutes were approved by the membership.

The Treasurer's Report was given by the Treasurer, Monica Evans reflecting a balance of \$3,558.52 in Wells Fargo Bank.

Karen Williams stated that the duties of the newly elected HCCA Board officially started January 1, 2013.

There were two visitors – Dave Oppenstein, Ward 8 and Tyler Stracuzie, Ward 8

#### **President's Report/Announcements/Committee Reports**

The President commended Mattie and Jeanette for completing the newsletter. It was out early.

#### **Education and Recreation Report – De'Andre Anderson**

STEM event at Anne Beers was successful. The Board donated a \$50.00 gift card for the parents. A thank you letter from Anne Beers to the HCCA was read. DC has a 20% truancy rate. This is 5 times the national average. HCCA will be hosting a forum on truancy with an expert panel to discuss this issue and to inform parents about the new truancy regulations. This forum is tentatively set for February 23rd.

#### **Environmental Committee – Mary Ross**

Nothing to report

#### **Fundraising Committee - Sheila Brown**

Sheila Brown provided a summary of the Holiday in Hillcrest event. People attended who don't normally attend the HCCA meetings. This was a great event. She thanked all who participated.

#### **Membership Committee – Phil Hammond**

As of December 31, 2012, there were 82 delinquent members. HCCA Board members made 56 calls. Nineteen people said they would renew their membership.

#### **Public Safety Report – David Kirkpatrick**

Chief Lanier will be at the Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church on Tuesday to discuss crime statistics. Crime has gone up in our area recently.

#### **Street, Traffic and Transportation Report – Mark Johnson**

Mark Johnson asked that issues concerning Street, Traffic and Transportation be brought to him.

## **Announcements**

Friends of the Francis Gregory Library – Miles Steele provided a summary update of the activities and events upcoming of the Library during the month of January. The hours of the library have changed.

Kenneth Burke stated that the postal carrier HCCA complimented in its newsletter was reassigned. He suggested that we monitor when we receive mail. Mary Ross volunteered to take the lead. Kenneth Burke volunteered to work with her. Members were asked to provide their information to Mary Ross or Kenneth Burke at the next members meeting.

Members said yes to Chief Lanier as speaker for the next HCCA members meeting.

PSA606 Report – Lt Hodge distributed the crime report for the previous month. All were encouraged to attend the Tuesday 7:00 PM meeting at Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church. Crime is increasing in our neighborhoods.

## **Guest Speaker**

Mary Ross introduced the guest speaker, Julie Kutruff, Site Manager for National Park Service, NCR-East, which includes Frederick Douglass NHS, Fort Circle Park, Fort Dupont, Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, etc. Ranger Kutruff provided an overall update on activities and maintenance of the parks and trails of our neighborhood.

Park Service Facebook pages related to Hillcrest – National Parks East, Frederick Douglass, Civil War Defense and Friends of Ft. DuPont. Friends of the Park Service membership for 1 year is \$50 for a family of 4 and \$30 for individual membership. A Junior Rangers program is starting soon.

Ward 7 Council member Yvette Alexander swore in the new Hillcrest Community Civic Association Board of Directors who will serve from January 1 2013 to December 31, 2014. Members were congratulated.

## **Council Member Roundtable**

Councilmember Alexander provided an update on the activities and issues related to DC and Ward 7 in particular. The Skyland Project is finally moving forward. Walmart is the major tenant. All lawsuits have been settled. Penn Branch Shopping Center will be renovated this year. Pennsylvania Avenue is going through a façade improvement effort. Councilmember Yvette Alexander is chair of the Health Committee and member of the Workforce Development and Community Affairs and Business and Regulatory Affairs.

DC has to establish a Health Care Exchange according to the Health Care Reform Bill. The exchange must be up and running by 2014. Every resident should have health insurance coverage regardless of health and economic status.

The 50/50 raffle was held.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm. 48 people were in attendance.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary**