

Minutes HCCA Monthly Membership Meeting February 05, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 by HCCA President, Vince Spaulding. Chaplain, John Hawkins read an inspirational message for Black History Month, "Wisdom of the Word", 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: Monica Evans reported that HCCA has a balance of \$4,822.34 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.
- He announced that Ann Curtsinger volunteered to chair the Public Safety Committee and her chairmanship was approved by the Board.
- Gloria Logan presented Carrie Thornhill her HCCA Public Service Award.
- Guest speaker for March will be Tony Gettings
- Guest speaker for April Patrick Hanlon
- 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.

Committee Reports

Recreation: Boyle reported on his meeting with Sam reference the issues discussed at the last HCCA Board meeting.

- The recreation center must be open by 8:30 a.m. so HCCA can prepare for Board and membership meetings: Sam has currently made himself responsible for opening the recreation center every first Saturday by 8:30 a.m. ure.
- Storage space for HCCA equipment: Sam has given HCCA the storage closet closest to the Multi-Purpose Room to HCCA.
- General usage fees for non-DC residents: DCSPR is currently working on a department wide system for tracking facility members and usage. Once the system is put in place, pricing regulations can be implemented. Currently DCDPR has developed a tentative price list based on neighboring Maryland Recreation Centers. Sam would like more people in the community to voice their opinions and recommendations about the pricing structure and amounts.

Boyle Stuckey will coordinate with Don & Lucy Murray to determine the status of establishing the Friends of the Hillcrest Recreation Center. Sam Williams, Director, Hillcrest Recreation Center, encouraged action be taken right away to get the Friends of the recreation center organized and operational. He indicated that several folks and organizations would like to make donations to the center and he needs to have in place a mechanism for receiving same.

Fund raising: Richard Evans reported that the selling of 50/50 tickets will be terminated approximately ½ hour prior to the end of the HCCA general membership meeting. He encouraged membership to purchase tickets A.S.A.P.

Information: Willard Poteat gave up his time to introduce A. Scott Bolen, candidate for Mayor and currently heard on WOL radio, who addressed the general membership. He also introduced Ted Risher of NCRC who gave an update on the Skyland Shopping Center project. Mr. Risher reported NCRC is currently presenting offers for buy-outs to the current merchants. NCRC should be finished with this process and begin to break ground by the summer of 2005.

Membership: Evelyn Primas reported that membership dues for 2005 are due and should be paid to the membership committee not the treasurer.

Education: Linda Jackson replied to the membership that the art from last year's "Neighbors Through Arts" program will be hanging in area post offices for Black History month. She reported her committee had drafted a letter to D.C.P.S. Superintendent, Dr. Janney about the needs of the three elementary schools in Hillcrest. She stated the letter would be sent on Monday.

Public Safety: Vince announced the Board had accepted Ann Curtsinger to the position of Chair for this committee.

Environmental: Mary Ross reported that Phil Hammond submitted a proposal for Cherry Trees for the Hillcrest community. Projects for the year 2005 are as follows:

- A clean-up of the 3 public schools in the Hillcrest area and do plantings in the tree boxes in front of the schools. DC Grow has been contacted to help with this project. The committee would like to do a spring clean-up on June 6 or 11 and a fall clean-up November 7th or 12 with a contest for the school that picks up the most trash. The spring clean-up will be tied to an essay contest and the fall clean-up a poster contest for students. The school that collected the most trash will be given a \$200.00 award and a banner. The winners of the essay and poster contests will receive a \$50 savings bond.
- Park appreciation Day in July the theme will be "Reintroducing the Park Lands". The citizens, National Park Service and city agencies will work to clean up the park areas in Hillcrest.

Legislative: Virgil McDonald reported that the Legislative Committee is growing each member of the committee will be assigned a council member to monitor legislation proposed via of the internet.

Annual Garden Tour: Marvin Bowser reported that this year's Garden Tour will take place on June 18th at 11:00 a.m. He will confirm the time and date at the general membership meeting today. The area to be toured this year starts at Branch and Denver, east on Denver to Highwood, Highwood to 34th, 34th to Camden.

Strategic Communications: Howard Ways reported the need for more members. He is trying to get Hillcrest to be listed in the Washingtonian 50 Best Neighborhoods again this year. Walking Tour East of the River featuring Parks and Historic Landmarks participation is needed from Hillcrest and other neighborhoods East of the River.

- Have any new neighbors moved in next to year? Do you or someone you know in Hillcrest have an interesting job or life story that you want told? The HCCA is looking to share your story with others. Please contact Howard Ways, 582-2929, to share your story idea.
- The Strategic Communication Committee is looking for members to help market the Hillcrest community to the surrounding area. For more information, please contact Howard Ways 582- 2929

ANC7B: The new ANC will meet on February 17th, 2005. Turnout from HCCA was encouraged.

PSA Report: Lieutenant Netter reported 10 crimes in the 2800 blk of Alabama Avenue. He reported his strategy to deal with this situation. The monthly PSA Report was passed to the membership.

This month's guest speaker is Merit Drucker, D.C. Clean City Coordinator. Mr. Drucker reported on his first 51 days in office. He laid the framework to make the department more responsive to the needs of the city.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Lee Williams
Recording Secretary