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## **Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting February 3, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am by HCCA President Karen Williams. Chaplin John Hawkins read an inspirational message, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ann Curtsinger read the minutes of the January meeting, which were then approved by the Membership.

**Treasurer's Report:** Richard Evans reported for Monica Evans that HCCA currently has a total of \$3,908.94 in Wachovia Bank.

### **President's Report**

- Hillcrest will look into co-sponsoring a Candidates Forum.
- A letter will be sent to the school system requesting resources and full support for our adopted school, Anne Beers Elementary.
- The board positions of Recording and Corresponding Secretary are still vacant.
- Michelle Phillip-Evans was introduced as the new editor of the newsletter and the Membership was thanked for the numerous articles submitted.

**Skyland Shopping Center:** Jonathan Padgett of the National Capital Revitalization Corporation announced that NCRC has purchased 98.5% of the site and is in negotiation with KFC, to move to another site within Skyland. NCRC has finalized an agreement with Morgan Stanley Real Estate Finance to provide equity for the project. NCRC has held very productive meetings with the deputy mayor's office. The TIF has been negotiated and will be in place by April. NCRC needs to get a letter of intent from perspective retail anchors, the lead anchor being Target. A planning charette for the community is scheduled for February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hillcrest Recreation Center.

**Francis Gregory Library:** Lessie Mtewa announced several upcoming programs including the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and a Black History program. The chili cook off is scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Doris Thomas announced the Serenity Players will be performing "Waiting to be Invited" in celebration of Black History Month.

Phillip Hammond announced the Congress Day Forum on February 15<sup>th</sup> and passed out a sign-up sheet for bus transportation.

### **Committee Reports**

**Education:** Gwendolyn Payton, principal of Anne Beers Elementary School, was introduced and she thanked the Association for their continuous support.

**Public Safety:** Ann Curtsinger announced the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training will be held in March at the Francis Gregory Library.

**Councilman Kwame Brown's Report:** Councilman Brown announced there will be a hearing on Skyland and he assured the Membership that results will be measured and timelines will be followed. He encouraged people to attend the charette on February 10<sup>th</sup>. He thanked HCCA for the resolution supporting him for chair of Economic Development and he will focus on economic issues east of the River as well as schools, particularly vocational schools. He then entertained questions from the Membership.

**PSA 606:** Lt Netter reported a 27% reduction in violent crime for PSA 606, however, property crimes, particularly, auto thefts increased 29%. Lt Netter stated there will be foot beat officers and increased bike patrols in PSA 606. Police will focus on traffic enforcement and will issue tickets for littering. Inspector Kevin Anderson was introduced as the acting inspector for the substation and the entire 6<sup>th</sup> District... He informed the membership of the new Community Dispatch System, in operation from 7a.m to 11:00 p.m., which will answer calls for quality of life issues such as loitering, abandoned cars, reciprocity laws, etc.

**Memorial Service:** Pastor Burke announced a memorial service at the East Washington Baptist Church on Monday in remembrance of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of slain police officer Brian Gibson.

**Council Chairman's Report:** Council Chair Vincent Gray reminded members of the State of the Ward Address to be held Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30pm. He also announced hearings for the general public on education, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> at the Wilson buildings. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, children only will be invited to testify. Gray listed several of his initiatives including the addition cameras in two hearing rooms, a new council research service, and a new communication director. He emphasized his commitment to Skyland and a "one city" initiative.

**Guest Speaker: Adrian Fenty, Mayor of the District of Columbia**

Mayor Fenty stated his administration has an aggressive agenda with big areas to address including the school system and affordable housing. The Mayor is committed to the old-fashioned effort of community policing and wants police officers to walk the streets. He promised better services to the citizens including an improved 727-1000 line. The Mayor stated he will be very visible in Hillcrest attending meetings and celebrating financial and economic achievements east of the River. The Mayor then entertained questions and concerns from the Membership.

The 50/50 raffle was held. The meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Ann Curtsinger