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Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting March 4, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by HCCA 1st Vice President Kathy Chamberlain. Pastor Senger blessed the assembly, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President's Report

- The Ward 7 Democrats, Lorraine Whitlock Banquet Dinner will be held on April 7th, at Saint Luke's Catholic Church. HCCA was asked to purchase a table for \$250.00, \$25.00 per person. It was decided rather than HCCA underwriting the cost of the table we would try to find 10 people to pay \$25.00 each.
- The Board will make a presentation on the results of the Board Retreat will be given at the April meeting.
- Guest Speakers-for May-Trinity University Representative talking about branch of Trinity at THEARCH.

Treasurer's Report: Monica Evans reported that HCCA has a balance of \$3,742.20 in Wachovia Bank.

Committee Reports

Recreation: Boyle Stuckley reported the following:

- Citywide basketball has been moved to Hillcrest Recreation Center on Tuesdays.
- The external lights are now working.
- On March 11th the center will be hosting a Black History Month Mission Competition party for all participants. Certificates of participation and awards will be given.

Fund raising: Richard Evans reported HCCA is selling Krispy Kreme Donuts to help defray the costs of the Easter Children's Initiative.

Information: Willard Poteat stated he needs 3 or 4 volunteers to help him mail the monthly newsletter. He also reported there will be a meeting to discuss the Draft Consolidated Fiscal Plan for 2007 for the District of Columbia on March 7th at 6:30 p.m. @ 801 North Capital Street. Willard then introduced Ted Risher who gave the membership the following update on Skyland.

- NCRC is now the majority owner at Skyland. NCRC owns 67% controls 92%.
- 3 of 6 commendation complaints resolved favorably.
- NCRC is now in the process of securing sources of private funding.
- Goal is 100% control by the end of March.
- We should begin to see changes at the site shortly after complete site control.

Membership: Evelyn Primas reported that as of today there are 193 paid households in HCCA.

Education: No report.

Environmental: Mary Ross reported the "Blessing of the Trees" will be held on September 9, 2006. The committee is looking for workshop providers who would be willing to participate at the Festival for little or no cost.

Legislative: No Report

Annual Garden Tour: Kathy Chamberlain reported this year's Annual Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, June 17, 2006 and will cover Branch Avenue to 36th Street between Alabama and U Streets.

Hospitality: Donna Cooley-Trice reported Safeway is still providing refreshments for the monthly meetings. She agreed to invite the new manager to the next meeting to be introduced to the membership.

ANC: Raymond Keith reported the ANC meets the 3rd Thursday of every month and invited participation by the membership. At this month's meeting there will be presentations from the D.C. Office of Real Property and the Anacostia Gateway Initiative.

Public Safety: No report.

PSA606: Lt. Ronald Netter handed out the monthly crime report and addressed the membership about the reduction of crime in the PSA. Lt. Netter then introduced the new commander for 6D Captain Aubrey Mongal.

PSA606 meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Francis A. Gregory Library

Lessie Owens-Mtewa from the library reported the activation of a Blue Ribbon Commission on Libraries listening sessions for community input and the following programs in the month of March.

- Computer classes;
- Spanish classes;
- free income tax preparation every Tuesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;
- Spanish classes;
- March 18th from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. 8th Annual Chili Cook off;
- March 11th @ 2:00 p.m. and March 18th there will be lectures by CR Gibbs on Black Georgetown.

The Serenity Plays next production will be held in May.

On March 13th there will be a Citywide Citizens Rally for the National Capital Medical Center.

Guest Speaker: Wayne Young of Port of Harlem Magazine

Mr. Young gave an interesting presentation about how he started publishing his magazine and the principles of his publishing philosophy

Council member Gray's Report:

Vincent Gray, Council Member for Ward 7 gave the following report:

- There will be a hearing on March 13th on the National Capital Medical Center and a rally @ 9:00 in support of the facility;
- meeting of the Leadership Council on March 11th @ MHCDC;
- there will be a presentation on the Recreation Plan for Ward 7 @ the City Council;
- there will be a review of the schools modernization bill and a look at restoring high school athletics;
- there will be a project based Summer Youth Employment Program;
- And NCRC is taking active control of Skyland.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lee Williams
Recording Secretary