



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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Membership Minutes

March 2, 2013

The regular meeting of the HCCA was called to order by President Karen Williams at 10:05am followed by an inspirational message from Chaplin Frank Anderson and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and the Treasurer's Report

The February minutes of meeting were read by the Recording Secretary, Deborah Johnson. There were questions and corrections. There was a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections. 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. HCCA funds balance is \$4,018.19 at Wells Fargo. There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the report was seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership.

Committee Reports/Welcome of New Members and Guests

Henry Moaten introduced the new manager of the Hillcrest Recreation Center. The new manager is Jerome Beaner, Area Manager for Ward 7 for DPR. He summarized the status of the changes to the recreation center.

There were two guests representing Safeway: Stewart Jones, Store Manager, Eastern Division and his Assistant Manager.

Robin Marlin gave an update on ANC activities including the recreation center meeting. She asked for support from the HCCA on the recreation center issues.

Miles Steele gave an update of Frances Gregory Library events and activities. March is Women's History month. All were asked to participate in the special events for this month.

Sgt Harvey gave the PSA 606 report. He urged members to call in if they see any suspicious activity (see something, say something). He also gave the following crime tips – be mindful of those around you, take different routes, no purses in the front seat, no belongings in plain view and close your curtains or blinds at night.

A certificate of appreciation was presented to Ms. Jaqueline Simms, teacher at Anne Beers. She started the Saturday School and recruited teachers for it. Ms. Simms has engaged in a variety of activities to create a better learning environment for students.

Communications – Mattie Cheek

Mattie Cheek introduced new HCCA members. They each briefly introduced themselves.

Education and Recreation Report – De’Andre Anderson

Thanked all who attended the Truancy Forum. Councilmember David Catania will change his proposed legislation because of what people said at the forum.

Winston – A representative from Chancellor's Henderson office will meet with De'Andre. De'Andre asked for ideas for a replacement for the site.

Environmental Committee – Mary Ross

The Poster Contest was announced. Each poster must be on the topic of *Our Future Depends on How We Protect Our Environment*. This contest is for students between the ages of 5 and 17 years old who live in the Hillcrest Neighborhood. There will be 4 prizes. The rules are on the HCCA website.

Fundraising Committee – Sheila Brown

Monte Carlo night, an event being partnered with Marshall Heights Community Development Organization, Inc. (MHCDO) was discussed. Sheila Brown requested HCCA membership's approval of \$400 for the event deposit that is required by the North Hall, Eastern Market where the event will be held. It was moved and seconded that the \$400.00 be used to contribute to the cost of the event facilities. The membership approved this investment. MHCDO has already provided a \$500.00 check (the rental fee) for the event to be held on Saturday, July 13, 2013.

Membership Committee – Phil Hammond

Summarized the changes to membership dues. Also said that he will be contacting the volunteers to make calls to neighbors to remind them of membership dues. He also briefly outlined the dues structure.

It was proposed that the HCCA update the membership directory. The Directory was sold to membership strictly for the use of the Hillcrest community. Membership was asked if they would like to revisit this project. It was moved and seconded that the project be revisited. The membership approved this effort.

Public Safety Report – David Kirkpatrick

Neighborhood Watch is at the PSA meetings. Would like to have every block in Hillcrest covered. Neighborhood Watch will be increased at Naylor Gardens. Call David if you wish to establish one.

Street, Traffic and Transportation Report – Mark Johnson

Nothing to report.

Hospitality –Yvonne Burke

Nothing to report.

Announcements

A candlelight vigil is planned for the loss of life due to the 33rd Street fire. HCCA will not collect funds or other contributions at this time because the family is asking for privacy. HCCA is not sponsoring the vigil.

Guest Speaker

Lennette Hardy introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Edgar S. Cahn, Vice Chair of the Mayor's Advocacy Court and founder of the Time Dollar Youth Court. Dr. Cahn spoke briefly about the Youth Court. Students at the UDC Law School still provide help to the community. He discussed the Time Banking system which is a system to share skills to address needs of a neighborhood. Dr. Cahn offered to help set up a time bank in Hillcrest.

HCCA accepted his offer to help establish a time bank in our community. An HCCA subcommittee was established for this effort. Names of volunteers were collected.

Councilmembers' Roundtable

Councilmember Yvette Alexander announced the Healthcare Exchange. There will be a monthly roundtable on this scheduled by the Councilmember. The Patient Protection Act was also discussed briefly which will require patient to nurse ratio standards.

Ms. Alexander was asked if anything could be done for the property on 33rd Street. Robin Marlin volunteered to speak to the investigator to get a status of the property. Ms. Alexander agreed to have someone check the house for a safety issue.

The 50/50 raffle was held. Robin Marlin was the winner

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary