



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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HCCA Membership Meeting

April 05, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Vice President Kathy Chamberlain for President Williams.

The inspirational message was given by Chaplain Hawkins followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Treasurer's Report – Monica Evans presented the treasurer's report which reflected a balance of \$4949.33 at the end of March. The report was approved by the general membership.

President's Report

President Williams briefed the general membership on the recent board retreat to review and discuss proposed changes to the bylaws and committee structures for 2009. Kenneth Burke was asked by President Williams to present the proposed mission and purpose statement and the section that defines the Hillcrest boundaries. These two sections will be in the May newsletter and *will be put before the general membership for a vote at the May HCCA meeting.*

The proposed position of the HCCA on the 11th Street Bridge Project was put before the general membership for a vote. *The motion was moved and passed.*

There is vacant retail space at Good Hope Marketplace; HCCA would like to send to the Good Hope Market Task Force a letter to oppose certain types of businesses that would lease the space formerly occupied by Hollywood Video. Businesses that would not be suitable are Liquor, check cashing, fast food or adult entertainment type stores. Preferred businesses are hardware, florist, ice cream, eye care centers, coffee shop, card shop or small book stores.

President Williams will draft a letter to the market taskforce and ask the membership to send suggestions of the types of retail the community would like.

Francis Gregory Library Cheryle Allen

Ms. Allen announced that there is much needed new staff at the Library. The stolen computers should be replaced within the next 30 days. New programs are planned such as Monday movie nights, classes on how to use the library database, lunch & learn health session and the Summerquest reading program.

ANC7B Report Robin Marlin

Ms. Marlin gave an update on the Skyland project and the community survey. Michael Watts of Marshall Heights has been asked to speak before the ANC to discuss the Skyland project.

DDOT – Urban Forestry will discuss replanting, removal of trees and the tree canopy on the city.

Fire Department discussed Hydrant maintenance.

Fort Dupont Civic Association has asked ANC7B to support the resolution to designate the property at the base of the O Street Wall as a "no build" zone.

Kathy Chamberlain asked that the ANC support the position the HCCA has voted on regarding the 11th Street Bridge project.

Recreation Report

No report



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Education Report

Linda Jackson announced that Anne Beers is in need of support to fund a 4th grade class trip to Charlottesville and any member who wishes to donate can do so today.

Other Issues

Doris Thomas, of Serenity Players, announced the production The Season on Youth with a post show discussion to be held May 16 through May 18th. Please come out to support Serenity Players.

No councilmember's roundtable due to the MLK birthday parade.

April 12th - Casey Trees will plant trees at the recreation center; volunteers are needed.

Marvin Bowser announced that garden tour tickets are available after today's meeting.

Public Safety

Sgt. Michael Harvey presented the crime reports and offered safety tips in the absence of Lt. Netter.

One of the newest anti-theft devices for your home computer is the Lojack system. This system will either locate your stolen PC or render the hard drive useless. Sgt. Harvey will send information on the system to HCCA.

Arrest in the Anne Beers and Francis Gregory Library are imminent.

Guest Speaker – Ginny Cooper, DC Public Library

Carrie Thornhill introduced Ginny Cooper, Chief Librarian.

Ms. Cooper acknowledged Ms. Mtewa and Miles Steele for their contribution to the public Library system. One of Ms. Cooper's goals is to transform the public library systems to meet the expectation of the community while providing clean, safe and environmental quality at each branch.

The community is using the libraries differently now than they did years ago and in order to meet the new requirements technology has been expanded within the library by experimenting with laptop loaners and Playaways which are small MP3 players that are loaded with an audio book. The collection of films online has been expanded; electronic encyclopedia's and other databases are now online.

On the Francis Gregory Library, Ms. Cooper reported that constructions should be fully funded in April 2009. In the plan will be space for meeting rooms, special spaces for 0-5 year olds, school age children, young adults and individual study space. The building will be ADA compliant as well as being a certified "green" building. Construction should begin in the fall of 2009.

The Mayor supports a program that employs 38 young people, ages 16-19, as "teens of distinction". Three of these young people work at the Francis Gregory Library shelving books, providing technology assistance and other tasks.

50/50 Pick Winner; the association received \$33.00.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

Respectfully submitted

Yvonne Dupree