



Hillcrest Community Civic Association
"Working Together for a Better Community"

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Membership Minutes April 2, 2011

The regular meeting of the HCCA was called to order by President Karen Williams at 10:13 AM followed by Chaplain Hawkins and the inspirational message then the pledge of allegiance.

Presidents Report

The March 2011 minutes were read and approved. The Treasurer's report, submitted by Monica Evans, reflected a balance of **\$8434.67**. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership.

The attendance rolls showed attendance at the March 2011 meeting to be 65.

ANNOUNCEMENTS | COMMITTEE REPORTS

Veronica Davis, **STTC**, reported on the Ward 7 summit; the impact on bus service due to construction of the 11th St Bridge project, DMV oversight hearing and traffic enforcement. Committee reports can be found on the committee website.

The **Fundraising** committee chaired by Sheila Brown has discussed holding 3-4 major activities which include continuing the 50/50, a community yard sale, crab feast, Wine tasting and Art Auctions and a casino trip.

Maurice Perry will chair the annual garden tour; the tour will cover Park Drive and 32nd Street. Tickets will be \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the tour.

Miles Steele reported that the Chili-Cook-off was a success and announced the ongoing programs at the library.

Barry Carey, Lead Inspector, Solid Waste Education and Enforcement Program (SWEEP) in the Department of Public Works announced that his office may be closing down and that would mean that the services provided by his department would suffer. The services provided are sanitation education and enforcement to combat illegal dumping, cleanup of lots and enforcement of proper sanitation.

Robin Marlin, **ANC7b** reported on the ANC's work on tax assessments, Skyland task force and that demolition should happen in September, 2011; proposed extension of the Circulator Navy Yard line to Skyland.

PSA606/ Public Safety Report

Lt Hodge, officer LeFrance and Officer Persaud gave the public safety report along with David Kirkpatrick. The Guardian Angels have been invited to patrol PSA606. Other concerns discussed are speeding along Branch Avenue and what approaches could be taken to deter speeding.

Mary Ross, **Environmental Committee**, announced the dates and rules of the poster contest. Phil Hammond announced the spring cleanup at the polling centers after the at large election.



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Guest Speaker – Earth Month Presentations

To celebrate Earth Month representatives from the D.C. Dept. on the Environment were on hand to discuss environmental topics.

Leah Lemoine gave an overview of the River Smart Home program. This District-wide project offers incentives to homeowners interested in reducing storm water runoff, installing rain barrels, how to minimize water run off from their properties. Homeowners receive up to \$1,200 to adopt certain landscape enhancements.

Damien Ossi presented on gardening with native plants to help balance the eco systems in your yard and to create a backyard habitat.

John Thomas, Associate Director for the Urban Forestry Administration, discussed the urban canopy and the promotion of tree growth. Mr. Thomas' group plants more than 4,000 trees every year, removes and prunes trees throughout the city.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

50/50 – Winner Shirley Brannum \$33.00

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Respectfully submitted
Yvonne Dupree
Recording Secretary