



## Hillcrest Community Civic Association

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### Membership Minutes

April 6, 2013

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

#### **Minutes and the Treasurer's Report**

The March minutes of meeting were read by the Recording Secretary, Deborah Johnson. There was a motion to approve the minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was seconded. The minutes were approved by the membership.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Karen in the absence of the Treasurer Monica Evans. HCCA funds balance is \$3,036.31 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**

The Chair of the Ward 7 Democrats invited the membership to the awards dinner scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Navy Yard. Cost is \$45.00.

ANC – Robert Jordan gave the update of ANC activities and invited members to the April meeting.

Hillcrest Day – Veronica Evans briefly discussed Hillcrest Day scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 6:00pm. There is a need to identify activities. She asked members to take the online survey within the next 48 hours. Some surveys were distributed and collected at the meeting.

Garden Tour – Kathy Chamberlain announced the annual Garden Tour scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be bought in advance for \$12.00 or on the day of the event for \$15.00. Online purchase is possible. Tickets will be available at the May meeting.

Family Matters – Gloria Portiss gave an overview of the organization. She responded to questions from the membership and gave the phone number (202/289-1510) for questions or assistance.

PSA report – Lt Hodge gave the PSA 606 report summary. He indicated that crime in the area is down for all categories. Next meeting of the PSA is April 17<sup>th</sup>. He also announced their banquet scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> and invited the membership to participate.

Mark Chisholm, representative of Councilmember Alexander gave an update of Councilmember activities and DC area events.

Murriell Bowser briefly discussed the Economic Development meeting. She also gave a brief update on the progress with Skyland including the status of the project.

Marvin Bowser encouraged membership participation in the Hillcrest Garden Tour scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

TM Tate gave greetings to the membership on behalf of Anita Bonds.

**Communications** – Mattie Cheek

There were two visitors who were new to Hillcrest. This was their first meeting. Copies of the welcome to Hillcrest brochures were requested.

**Education and Recreation Report** – De'Andre Anderson

Met with Josephine Robinson about Winston and discussed a magnet school for the site. De'Andre invited the membership to cheer Anne Beers students on for DC testing on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:45am to 9:00am. He also invited the membership to participate in Randle Highlands Career Day.

**Environmental Committee** – Mary Ross

Mary gave the schedule of events for April Earth Month. Members were urged to participate in these activities. She also reminded members of the Poster Contest and gave the deadline and arrangements for submissions.

**Fundraising Committee** – Sheila Brown

Updated the membership on Casino night at North Hall at Eastern Market and asked all to save the date – Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership Committee** – Phil Hammond

Not in attendance.

**Public Safety Report** – David Kirkpatrick

No in attendance.

**Street, Traffic and Transportation Report** – Mark Johnson

Nothing to report.

**Guest Speaker**

Mary Ross introduced the guest speaker, Ranger James Rosenstock of the National Park Service, National Capital Parks - East. Ranger Rosenstock gave an overview of where they are with the Fort Circle Park sinkhole issue. He also discussed the causes of invasive species. He encouraged members not to dump their yard waste in the parks. He gave his phone number for questions and concerns – 202/690-5161.

Ruth Lewis introduced Josh Burch of the Department of the Environment. Mr. Burch gave an overview of the impact of storm waters and updated the membership on stream renovations. He also encouraged the use of rain barrels. Call Mr. Burch for information on rain barrels and rain garden subsidies and programs.

The 50/50 raffle was held. Mark Chisholm was the winner.

***Adjournment***

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30am. Approximately 45 people were in attendance.

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary**