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Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting May 07, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 by HCCA President, Vincent Spaulding. Chaplain, John Hawkins read an inspirational message “Dedicated to Mothers”, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Monica Evans reported that HCCA has a balance of \$5,521.82 in Wachovia Bank.

President’s Report:

- Vince again stressed his desire to increase the number of households represented by HCCA.
- Doris Thomas read a poem she wrote in recognition of her 80th Birthday.
- Anthony Bolling gave a brief presentation on how he got 12 new members for HCCA.

Committee Reports

Recreation: Boyle Stuckley reported that the staff of the recreation center will begin to check the ids of center users soon. He reported that after many conversations with Sam about the incidents of vandalism at the center, there should be a two pronged approach to address the problem. First, work on programs to stop these on the incidents, and secondly prompt response to repair any damage. The “Friends of the Hillcrest Recreation” might be able to help with small repairs. Boyle also reported he held his first committee meeting; the emphasis of this meeting was defining committee responsibility and setting committee goals.

Fund raising: Richard Evans reported the next HCCA fund raising event will be a “Fish Fry” during the second week of June. The July fund raiser will be an “Ice Cream Social”. Details for these events will be presented at the next meeting.

Information: Willard Poteat introduced Ted Risher of NCRC. Mr. Risher reported to the membership that NCRC had completed negotiation on 30%8 of the land area at Skyland. He said the owners now realize that the project will happen and are more willing to negotiate. March 2006 is the anticipated date for completion of the turnover. NCRC has finalized a leasing agreement for Good Hope Road and Martin Luther King Avenue, The Anacostia Gateway. NCRC has also opened their Operation Hope Center

which will offer small business loans and assistance for those trying to do business in the Anacostia area.

Membership: Evelyn Primas reported there are now 282 paid households and the need to communicate with the existing membership to pay their dues.

Education: Linda Jackson reported the April Education Committee meeting was to attend the D.C. Voice Parental Involvement Workshop. The committee decided this was an issued they would try to address by having “Back to School Parental Workshops” for the parents of the students in our three local schools. In an attempt to make this the best possible event, the committee will meet bi-monthly.

Environmental: All three schools have signed on for the spring clean-up.

Legislative: Virgil McDonald reported the committee is preparing report cards for our local council member and our local at-large member. They will be graded on how they are responding to our quality of life issues. These report cards should be issued in June. The committee is also taking the time to learn the culture of the city council.

Annual Garden Tour: The Annual Garden Tour will take place on June 18th @ 11:00 a.m. Tickets are on sale. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 the day of the event.

Strategic Communications: The East of the River Walking Tour was a success.

PSA Report: Officer Nosner addressed the membership about last month’s crime report. The monthly PSA Report was passed to the membership.

Public Safety: Ann Curtsinger announced the retirement of Officer Mason. She also reported that Emergency Preparedness is the big emphasis for Neighborhood Watch. She reported on the desire of several members of the community wishing to hire a private security patrol for Hillcrest was discussed and Kim Neal has agreed to spearhead this effort. The committee’s effort to intervene in the vandalism problem at Hillcrest Recreation Center resulted in an assembly at Winston ES. It appears this appeal to the community has helped lessen the incidents of vandalism in Naylor Gardens.

ANC7B: Raymond Keith reported the ANC is working on zoning issues. He also announced forums on the DC Comprehensive Plan, will take place on May 25th at Kelly Miller.

PSA606: Sergeant Michael Harvey, Officer Bracket, and Officer Rice reported 28 crimes in April. Violent crime and crimes to property are down 13%.

This month’s guest speaker was Kevin Lee, D.C. Citizen Corps. Mr. Lee reported on the role of the Core is to educate, respond and organize neighborhoods to deal with disasters, natural and otherwise.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Lee Williams
Recording Secretary