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Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting June 4, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by HCCA President Vincent Spaulding. Chaplain John Hawkins read an inspirational message “Helping Humankind”, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Monica Evans reported that HCCA has a balance of \$5,391.47

President’s Report:

- Vince again stressed his desire to increase the number of HCCA member households to 500, especially as we approach an election year.
- Residents should take pride in the neighborhood, removing illegal posters when they see them, calling 727-1000 to report illegal dumping, and to pick up litter dropped in front of their houses
- Kathy Chamberlain will chair the July meeting, in Spaulding’s absence. The topic will be emergency preparedness.

Bylaws: Carrie Thornhill announced that proposed bylaws revisions will be reported in 3 parts, and will be published in the newsletter over 3 months. Kenneth Burke read part 1 aloud.

Committee Reports

Recreation: Boyle Stuckley reported that his committee is coordinating with Friends of the Rec Center, with Friends focusing on obtaining contributions for additional facilities at the center. He requested that volunteers help set up the Recreation Center meeting room the evening before HCCA meetings. DPR is still working on a way to ID-check children using the Rec Center. He announced a basketball tournament and aerobics classes for seniors.

Fund raising: Richard Evans announced plans for a fish fry July 9, a group night at Nationals baseball mid-July, a trip to Charlestown Casino in August, and a trip to Atlantic City in September, during the week after Labor Day. He’s still working on a date for the ice cream social.

Information: Willard Poteat announced the 4th Annual Dinner Theatre at Anne Beers and a Jazz concert at Francis Gregory Library. The Dinner Theatre was further promoted by Dr. Anthony Fears, Principal of Anne Beers, who encouraged individuals and businesses to purchase ads in the program brochure. HCCA approved the purchase of a full-page ad, at a cost of \$65. Linda Jackson will follow through.

Membership: Evelyn Primas reported there are 294 paid households, but 441 households receive newsletters. Cards were sent to Gloria Logan and Ed Wilhelm.

Education: Linda Jackson reported the committee will meet bi-monthly. The focus is on informing parents how to stay involved and get their voices heard. DPR is announcing summer camp for various age groups, and a basketball camp.

Environmental: Mary Ross reported that on June 8, 9-11am, students from Anne Beers will do a litter pickup. Randle Highlands and Winston Schools will participate only in the essay contest.

Legislative: Virgil McDonald encouraged residents to testify before the City Council on issues important to the community. He introduced 3 members of his committee who gave “report cards” on councilmembers: Council Chair Linda Cropp, reported by Brandi Williamson; Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent Gray, reported by Monica Evans; and Councilmember at Large David Catania, reported by Robin Marlin.

Annual Garden Tour: Marvin Bowser reported progress on the Garden Tour, scheduled for June 18. 12 homes will be on the tour.

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 reminded residents that National Night Out will be August 2nd and that Hillcrest will partner with Naylor Gardens again this year. A Neighborhood watch Steering Committee is being formed, consisting of representatives from Hillcrest, Fairfax Village, Naylor Gardens, Penn-Branch and MPD. A Traffic Study is being requested for Naylor and 30th St

ANC7B: Raymond Keith reported the ANC is working on zoning issues and reviewing the Comprehensive Plan.

PSA606: Lt. Ronald Netter pointed to several flyers on auto theft prevention. There were 19 stolen autos in May, an increase over April.

DDOT and MPD on Branch Ave Traffic Plans: Douglas Noble of DDOT presented plans for striping of Branch Ave and other improvements to take place this summer. A traffic light at Branch and Erie is planned for 2007. Lt Byron Hope said a photo radar camera will be at Branch and Erie, and that the red-light camera at Branch and Alabama is definitely working. Dr. Fears raised a concern about speeding in front of Anne Beers School

Eric Goulet, of Councilmember Evans’ Office presented the Proposed Budget and Financial Plan, focusing on tax relief plans and non-recurring expenditures.

Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent Gray discussed the FY 06 Budget items that will affect Ward 7; announced a summit on HIV/AIDS; announced the opening of a constituent services office; announced a 1-day internship program in his office; encouraged residents to testify in favor of a bill on real property protection; and discussed plans for the new hospital on Reservation 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Chamberlain
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