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**Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting  
 July 2, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by HCCA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Kathy Chamberlain. Chaplain John Hawkins read an inspirational message “Leaders of Vision”, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**President’s Report:**

- Kathy announced the guest speaker for August will be a member from Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA)
- The issue of using the HCCA meetings to voice community concerns was addressed.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Monica Evans reported that HCCA has a balance of \$5,157.81.

**Bylaws:** The following by-law changes were voted on and approved by the membership:

<b>CURRENT PROVISION</b>	<b>PROPOSED NEW PROVISION</b>
Article 3: Directors, Section 1 Number The association shall have (15) directors, collectively, they shall be known as the Board of Directors. These directors shall consist of the seven (7) elected officers.....and eight (8) at-large directors who will chair one of the eight (8) standing committees.....	Article 3: Directors, Section I Number The association shall have a <b>minimum of seventeen (17) directors and a maximum of twenty-one (21)</b> , collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. These directors shall consist of the seven (7) elected officers....and <b>eleven (11)</b> at-large directors who will chair one of the <b>eleven (11)</b> standing committees(..... <b>Strategic Communications, Garden Tour, and Hospitality</b> )
Article 3: Directors, Section 8 Regular Meetings Notice of regular or special meetings may be given in writing, by mail, at the address of each individual member of the board of directors.	Article 3: Directors, Section 8 Regular Meetings Notice of regular or special meetings may be given in writing, by mail, <b>by fax, or e-mail at the electronic</b> address of each individual member of the board of directors.
Article 3: Directors, Section 12 Majority Action as Board Action No such provision	Article 3: Directors, Section 12 Majority Action as Board Action New provision: <b>Unless otherwise restricted by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the board of directors may be taken without meeting using electronic</b>

	<b>communication equipment if all members are notified in writing at his or her electronic address.</b>
Article 3: Directors, Section 13 Conduct of Meetings No such provision	Article 3: Directors, Section 13 Conduct of Meetings New provision: <b>Meetings of the board of directors may be conducted through electronic communication equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting, unless otherwise restricted by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.</b>

## Committee Reports

**Recreation:** Sam Williams reported the “Friends of Hillcrest” group is recruiting members. The Center will host a Basketball Tournament in August and the center will be a summer feeding site.

**Fund raising:** Richard Evans reminded the membership of the fish fry scheduled for July 9, at the Lutheran Church, at 12:00 noon, tickets are \$12.00. He stated he would check on the availability of a group night at Nationals baseball. He reported he has not finalized the plans for the trip to Charlestown Casino in August because of the price of gasoline he is still trying to determine if the trip will be cost effective.

**Information:** Willard Poteat introduced Ted Risher of NCRC who reported the following developments on the Skyland Project:

- NCRC met with a group of developers in May who had a counter proposal for the development of the area. NCRC gave the group three weeks to provide back-up information for the proposal. They did not follow through.
- There is a new commendation deadline. Half of the properties will be acquired by purchase and the other half will be acquired by commendation.
- HCCA requested in the future these reports be provided to the membership in writing. Mr. Risher agreed.

**Membership:** Evelyn Primas reported 450 newsletters were mailed this month.

**Education:** Carrie Thornhill reported that the principal of Anne Beers was not offered a contract renewal.

**Environmental:** Mary Ross reported that on June 8, students from Anne Beers did participate in the antilitter campaign a cleanup involving all grades. The prizes for the best essay and poster were awarded to Anne Beers students. The Committee’s next event is a “Hike in the Park” on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. The group will meet at Texas Avenue and 28<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Legislative:** Ed Wilhelm gave a report on City Council Member Carol Schwarz.

**Annual Garden Tour:** Marvin Bowser reported about 100 people showed up to participate in the “Annual Garden Tour”. The event was covered by the Washington Post. CD’s of the event were produced. Congratulations on another successful event.

**Strategic Communications:** Howard Ways announced the “Spoken Word Reception” for Kayeen Thomas on August 15<sup>th</sup> at Hillcrest Recreation Center. Howard reported the Hillcrest List serve has been set up and urged members to sign up. He urged the membership to attend the hearing of the National Capital Medical Center on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ANC7B:** Robin Marlin invited the membership to attend the July 16<sup>th</sup> ANC meeting. Issues to be addressed are:

- Littering and the posting of signs
- The establishment of a group home at 31<sup>st</sup> and Alabama
- Bills on raising the speed limit in the city
- Light rail on Minnesota Avenue.

**Public Safety:** Ann Curtsinger reported she is currently working with Yvonne Smith of MPDC to revitalize Neighborhood Watch. They are in the process of identifying old block captains and recruiting new ones were necessary.

This month’s speaker was Ms. Sandy Perkins for DCEMA who talked to the group about Emergency Preparedness.

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

Respectfully submitted

Karen Lee Williams  
Recording Secretary