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Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting July 1, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by HCCA President Vincent Spaulding. Chaplin John Hawkins provided an inspirational reading "Regarding Independence Day", followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Treasurer's Report: Monica Evans reported that HCCA has a total of \$3,709.85 in Wachovia Bank.

President's Report

- D.C. Green works will speak at the August meeting;
- In September there will be a detailed briefing by NCRC on the Skyland Project; and
- The Board has formed a taskforce to look into the developing a policy for the HCCA Newsletter.

Committee Reports

Recreation: Boyle Stuckley reported the Hillcrest Recreation Center listed a calendar of events at the front desk. Anyone interested in upcoming events at the Center should consult that calendar.

Fund Raising: Richard Evans announced had Hillcrest T-shirts for sale for \$10.00 each. There was discussion of the proposed trip to a Nats baseball game. Richard had been looking into tickets for a Saturday game. Richard asked attendees for a show of interest for a game other than a Saturday, and the responds was overwhelmingly in favor of attending any game.

Information: Willard Poteat recommended all attend the C.R. Gibbs Lecture series sponsored by the Francis Gregory Library. He informed the membership he was going to invite Lt. Harrington and Marlin of the Good Hope Market Place to attend on of the HCCA meetings to be introduced to the membership.

Skyland: Ted Risher of NCRC gave the membership the following update on Skyland:

- 796,000 square feet of property has been acquired;
- NCRC has formed a partnership with Morgan Stanley who will pledge \$150 million over the next 3 years, some of this money is earmarked for Skyland;
- Starting September 23rd there will be public planning meetings; and
- We will begin to see site improvement immediately; there will be an on site management and 24 hour security.

Gregory Library: Lessie Owens-Mtewa, manager of the library, there had been a flooding problem at the library from the massive rains we have been experiencing. The computer equipment has been damaged and there has been damage to other parts of the library, but it will reopen on

Monday, July 3rd. She announced a variety of programs, lectures, and other activities taking place during the summer months.

Membership: Evelyn Primas encouraged the payment of membership dues. She reported individualized notices will be sent to those who have not paid.

Education: Linda Jackson encouraged support for the Neighbors Through Art, Hillcrest/Palisades Partnership, July 22nd from 2 to 4 at THEARCH. She also encouraged Hillcrest participation in the Palisades July 4th parade.

Environmental: Mary Ross encouraged the membership to purchase ads for the “Blessing of the Trees” brochure.

Annual Garden Tour: Marvin Bowser reported the theme of the 13th Annual Garden Tour is “Curb Appeal.” The tour held on June 17th at 11:00 a.m. yield over \$1000.00 for the HCCA treasury.

Public Safety: Ann Curtsinger appealed for support for the National Night out on August 1, 2006.

Dennis Logan introduced Lt. Ronald Netter PSA 606 who introduced Detective Straub from the Stolen Vehicle Squad. Detective Straub gave the membership information on auto theft and how to protect you vehicle. Then Lt. Netter introduced Lt. Clyde Smith from the Financial Crimes Unit who addressed the audience on identity thief.

Community Concerns:

- Twinning work session on Friday, July 6th and Saturday, July 7th.
- Concern was expressed about the fireworks stand at Pennsylvania and Branch and whether a writing campaign to DCRC would prevent them from issuing a permit in the future; and
- There was concern about getting broken or inoperable street light repaired.

Council member Gray’s Report:

Vincent Gray, Ward 7 Council member introduced Judge Grindale who was invited to the HCCA meeting to swear in the Neighborhood Watch Zone Leaders and Block Captains.

The Neighborhood Watch Zone Leaders and Block Captains were sworn in. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon and the membership was invited to participate in the various breakout sessions on Crime Prevention set up by Lt. Netter for the benefit of the HCCA.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lee Williams
Recording Secretary