

## Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting July 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 by HCCA President Karen Williams. Chaplain John Hawkins read an inspirational message, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathy Chamberlain read the minutes of the June meeting, which were then approved by the membership.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of treasurer Monica Evans, Karen Williams presented the treasurer's report. The association's balance at Wachovia Bank is \$4,076. The report was approved by the membership.

### **President's Report**

- Karen Williams announced that the meeting would be cut short to allow for a crime prevention seminar .
- Several Hillcrest residents marched in the Palisades Parade in celebration of the Hillcrest-Palisades partnership.
- The HCCA board passed a resolution in support of the redevelopment of the Skyland Shopping Center. The resolution will be posted on the Hillcrest website.
- The proposed guest speaker for the August meeting is the director of DC Parks and Recreation. The September meeting will be shortened to allow for the Blessing of the Trees festival. The proposed guest speaker for the October meeting is City Administrator Dan Tangherlini.

**ANC 7B:** Commissioner Phillip Hammond encouraged citizens to attend ANC 7B townhall meetings. Representatives from the DC Water and Sewer Authority will be guest speakers at the next meeting. In addition, the mayor or a representative from his office will be present.

**Francis Gregory Library:** Lessie Mtewa announced various programs at the library including a summer reading program for children, and a beginning sign language program. Miles Steele thanks the community for their support of the jazz festival and the Palisades parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

### **Committee Reports**

**Education:** Committee Chair Linda Jackson noted that Hillcrest continues to be represented on the WDC STEM Partnership operating out of Anne Beers ES. The partnership held a strategic planning meeting in June to plan for the future, discuss new partners and new directions, determine fundraising strategies, promote the International Baccalaureate program, etc. Linda encouraged the community to consider enrolling students at Anne Beers, especially children from Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish school which has closed. Linda also reminded members about the regular Scrabble meetings held the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of every month at the rec center. Carrie Thornhill noted that Councilwoman Yvette Alexander was having a Town Hall Meeting on July 25th so community could meet the new school Chancellor Rhee (place TBD). In addition, DCVOICE is holding an appreciation reception for Dr. Clifford Janey on July 19th at the Homer Building at 13th and G streets, NW.

**Public Safety:** Ann Curtsinger announced that Naylor Gardens will not sponsor the National Night Out party this year. This year the celebration will be August 7, 6-9pm at the Lutheran Church. The event is a way to support the community-police partnership and the Neighborhood Watch program.

**Environmental:** Committee Chair Mary Ross encouraged the community to support the Blessing of the Trees event by taking out ads in the booklet.

**Crime Prevention Seminar:** The remainder of the meeting was devoted to crime prevention, with members of MPD presenting topics such as identity theft, auto theft, and burglary prevention.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chamberlain