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Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting August 6, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by HCCA President Vincent Spaulding. Pastor Senger provided an inspirational prayer.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Monica Evans reported that HCCA has a balance of \$5,415.13 in Wachovia Bank.

President’s Report:

- Vince announced to the membership that the Board had approved to support the funding and building of the National Capital Medical Center, and that the center should be a full service, state of the art hospital.
- The president announced the speakers for the next three months.
 - September – Director Department of Public Works
 - October- Kimberley Flowers, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation
 - November- Council member Linda Cropp

By-Laws: The proposed by-law changes were read to the membership; these changes will be published in the September newsletter and will be voted upon by the membership in October.

Committee Reports

Recreation: Boyle Stuckley reported that on August 20th the Friends of Hillcrest will be hosting a family day at the center. He also reported that the center will be holding Hand Dancing classes on Friday nights. Boyle told the membership about the reception the Friends of Hillcrest will be hosting after the October HCCA meeting.

Fund raising: Richard Evans reported the fish fry held on July 9, at the Lutheran Church, netted a total profit of \$204. The Day with the Washington Nationals will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2005. Tickets are \$7.00 and transportation is included. Other fundraising events planned are a trip to Charlestown Casino in September and a Crab Feast in October.

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

- Mr. Risher apologized for not submitting a written report but promised he would try to do so starting with the September meeting.
- Mr. Risher reported that NCRC was still in the process of acquiring property at Skyland and that 50% of said property would probably be acquired by purchase and the other 50% by commendation. Mr. Risher said that he is still in the process of closing on the first 3 contracts and would probably be completed by the third week in August

- Sandra Johnson from St. Timothy's Episcopal Church invited the membership to participate in its upcoming Blessing of Pets and Homecoming on October 1, 2005. She also informed the membership that the parish hall was available for events.
- Herman Mitchell gave the membership a briefing on generator technology. He promised to come back with recommendations for various brands with accompanying cost figures.

Membership: Evelyn Primas reported 476 newsletters were mailed this month.

- Vince once again appealed to the membership to recruit new members. He challenged the membership to write checks for the amount of members they thought they could recruit.
- Following is a list of the members and the amount they pledged:

LeGrande Baldwin	\$50.00	5 members
Robin Marlin	\$30.00	3 members
Frank Anderson	\$20.00	2 members
Mary Hammond	\$50.00	5 members
Carrie Thornhill	\$50.00	5 members
Donna Coley-Trice	\$50.00	5 members
Miles Steele	\$30.00	3 members
Jackie Bailey	\$50.00	5 members
Dorothy Anthony	\$30.00	3 members
Virgil McDonald	\$50.00	5 members
Gertrude Saleh	\$30.00	3 members
Anthony Bolling	\$50.00	5 members
Paul Savage	\$50.00	5 members
Wayne Young	\$50.00	5 members

Education: Linda Jackson reported that the Education Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Hillcrest Recreation Center at 7:00 p.m. The committee is working with the Parental Involvement Initiative which will be held on October 22, 2005. The committee is also working with the WDC Stem Partnership on increasing participation of our youth in math, science, and engineering.

Environmental: Mary Ross reported the "The Hike in the Park" was a success and her committee is planning a second hike for the fall in Fort Circle Park

Legislative: Virgil McDonald gave a report on the National Capital Medical Center which is proposed for Reservation 13 (the site of the old D.C. General Hospital). The Mayor has committed to submit a plan to the City Council by October. The current proposal is for an emergency facility and it is thought that the hospital should be a state of the art, full service facility. This hospital will not be in competition with Southeast Community and both hospitals are needed to serve the citizens of the District of Columbia. After discussion it was agreed that HCCA would support the construction of a 'state of the art' full service facility on Reservation 13.

Annual Garden Tour: No report.

Strategic Communications: Vince announced the committee is coordinating a tour of News Channel 4. More details to come.

Public Safety: Robin Marlin reported for Ann Curtsinger that the DDOT is doing a traffic study on Branch Avenue and Erie and Gainesville on the feasibility of traffic lights or some other type of device to slow traffic in these areas. Also she stated that Branch Avenue would be restriped to allow one lane of traffic in each direction.

PSA606: Lt. Netter reported that crime in PSA606 is down 16% from the previous month. He passed out the latest PSA report to the membership.

Guest Speaker: Paul Quander, Jr. CSOSA. Mr. Quander spoke to the membership about CSOSA's desire to build a field office to service parolees in the 7th District at the Benning Road Metro site. This proposal has been received with a negative reaction by the citizens in this area for various reasons. This proposal also sparked lively discussion at our HCCA meeting.

ANC7B: Robin Marlin reported her interest in finding out information on events taking place at the 2600 blk of Branch Avenue.

Council member Gray's Report:

- Council member Gray voiced his full support for the National Capital Medical Center
- He voiced his support for CSOSA's plan to build a field facility at the Benning Road metro or some other site in the area.
- He talked briefly about the Lincoln Heights and Barry Farms redevelopment plans;
- He reported that 2.8 million dollars is pledged for new libraries throughout the city and his efforts to obtain money for the Francis Gregory Library;
- He is working with the zoning commission to require affordable housing units be built in all new developments; and
- Working on having "Welcome to D.C. marker placed on Branch Avenue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Lee Williams
Recording Secretary