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Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting August 5, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 by HCCA President Vincent Spaulding. Pastor Kenneth Burke led the membership in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Treasurer's Report: Monica Evans reported that HCCA has a total of \$3,704.21 in Wachovia Bank.

President's Report

- Candidates forum today at 1:00 p.m. at Ward Memorial AME Church;
- There will be a detailed report from NCRC at the September meeting; and
- Announcement of by-laws change necessary to accommodate the position of 2-2nd vice president.

Committee Reports

Recreation: Boyle Stuckley reported the Hillcrest Recreation Center was hosting a wheelchair reunion today and the "Friends of Hillcrest" would be hosting a Wine Tasting Cruise Fundraiser in October.

Fund Raising: Richard Evans announced he had tickets for a Nationals game for \$15.00.

Information: Willard Poteat introduced Lt. Harrington of the Good Hope Market Place. Lt. Harrington talked about his force and their assignment to provide security at the site.

Francis A. Gregory Library

Lessie Owens-Mtewa from the library reported the following updates: Computer classes;

- The library is fully operational after the recent flooding except for the copy machines;
- Chess instruction on Friday nights;
- C.R. Gibbs presentation on the "Underground Railroad in Washington, DC."

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

- NCRC has completed acquisition of all the Skyland property;
- NCRC continues negotiations with condemned property owners to settle cases;
- NCRC has finalized an agreement with Morgan Stanley Real Estate Finance to provide equity for the project;
- NCRC is coordinating with Council member Gray's office, will introduce TIF legislation in September to maximize public financing of the project;
- NCRC continues to negotiate with several commercial banks to provide debt for the project; closing to follow sometime after groundbreaking;
- NCRC will execute a contract with Leo A. Daly for the master planning and PUD submissions next week;

- The date for a public planning charette has tentatively scheduled for September 23rd;
- PUD submission is tentatively scheduled for November 15th;
- NCC will be doing paving and lighting work at the site shortly;
- NCRC has initiated clean-up operations at the site; and
- NCRC, Diversified Property Services, and Operation Hope have collaborated to provide services to existing tenants.

Membership: Evelyn Primas encouraged the payment of membership dues. She reported currently has 313 paid households.

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

Legislative: No report, Virgil working on the candidate forum today. Carrie Thornhill addressed the membership on the need for candidates for the HCCA Board.

Education: No report.

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

PSA606 Lt. Netter stated that robberies are up by 4 for the month. He stated most of the crimes were preventable and gave strategies about how not to become a victim.

Guest Speaker Joseph Permitti for D.C. Green works spoke on their role in promoting environmental awareness.

Community Concerns:

- The taskforce studying the National Capital Medical Center has recommended 3 urgent care center instead of the one hospital
- August 26 D.C.P.S. Beautification Day

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lee Williams
Recording Secretary