

HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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Minutes from General Membership Meeting August 4, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 by HCCA President Karen Williams. Chaplin John Hawkins read an inspirational message, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The July meeting minutes, read by Kathy Chamberlain, were approved by the membership.

Treasurer Monica Evans reported that association's balance at Wachovia Bank is \$4,093.49. The report was approved by the membership.

President's Report (by Karen Williams)

The board approved the expenditure of up to \$299 for a new Hillcrest banner (about 2x6 ft) and 2 magnetic decals that can be affixed to the side of a car for the Palisades Parade.

The board approved \$250 for trophies for the end-of-season-T-ball banquet that is being organized by Recreation Chair Boyle Stuckey.

An all-day board retreat will take place on Saturday, October 27th, to decide on specific issues such as budget, committee structures and responsibilities, and other topics that would take too long to discuss at regular board meetings.

Following an announcement of a need for a recording secretary, Yvonne Dupree volunteered to assume this board position (bless her heart!). The HCCA board will confirm at the September meeting.

A community meeting on the Skyland Shopping Center will take place Aug. 15th.

The DC Fire Dept. is giving out free smoke detectors. Call our local fire station to receive one.

Francis Gregory Library: Lessie Mtewa reviewed ongoing summer programs at the library and announced that fall programs will include computer classes for seniors, and possibly knitting and chess programs.

ANC 7B: Commissioner Robin Marlin reported on the July ANC 7B meeting and encouraged all to attend the August meeting. Visit www.anc7b.org for time and location, and information about past and future meetings.

Committee Reports

Fund Raising: Richard Evans reported that ticket sales for the Nationals baseball game on Aug. 19th are available. A "best decorated house for Christmas" contest is being considered. The entry fee will be decided, along with rules, prizes and judging.

Public Safety: Lt Netter encouraged all to attend the National Night Out celebration on August 7th. He reviewed crime concerns, emphasizing "theft from auto" and how to prevent it. Several community members stressed the need for enforcement of the DO NOT ENTER signs in effect during AM and PM rush hours.

Environmental: Committee Chair Mary Ross encouraged all to support the Blessing of the Trees event.

Guest Speaker: Loretta Neumann, expert on Fort Circle Parks, reviewed the history of this network of forts surrounding Washington, and steps being taken by various citizen groups to advocate for maintenance and improvement of the parks.

Community Concerns: In response to comments made by community members about the board's approval of a resolution on the Skyland Shopping Center redevelopment, HCCA president Karen Williams explained that the resolution calls for continued community involvement and approves the concept of a town center, but gives no specifics. She encouraged all to attend a meeting with the developer and architects on August 15th.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Chamberlain, 2nd VP