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Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting September 2, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by HCCA President Vincent Spaulding. Chaplin John Hawkins read an inspirational passage "The Happiest Season", followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Treasurer's Report: Monica Evans reported that HCCA has a total of \$3,635.73 in Wachovia Bank.

President's Report

- D.C. Federation of Civic Centers Awards Breakfast will be held on October 28, 2006. HCCA is looking for members to attend the Breakfast; and
- The membership was polled for suggestions for speakers for upcoming meetings. Suggestions were DDOT, The State Department of Education, and DCRA.

Reverend Burke addressed the membership reference the necessary by-law changes necessary to support the Board position of 2nd Vice President. The membership adopted the by-law changes.

Ken Davis, Chair of the Nominating Committee addressed the membership about the 9 Board vacancies and the need for the membership to step up and take leadership roles.

Committee Reports

Recreation: "The Friends of Hillcrest" are sponsoring a "Wine Tasting Cruise" down the Potomac on October 6, 2006. The price of tickets is \$50.00. The letter Boyle drafted to the Department of Recreation urging them to appoint a permanent director has been sent.

Fund Raising: Richard Evans announced he had taken 7 people to the Nationals game.

Information: Willard Poteat announced there will be a Haunted House on October 31 at the Good Hope Market Place for children in the community.

NCRC Update

Donovan Padgett thanked the membership for the tremendous response to the August 19, 2006 planning meeting. NCRC got a great feedback that is now in the hands of the designers. NCRC will host another community meeting when the plans are ready for review.

Francis A. Gregory Library

Mile Davis from "The Friends of the Francis Gregory Library reported the library will be closed on September 9, 2006, and;

- Chess instruction on Friday nights; and the
- C.R. Gibbs presentation on September 16, 2006 will be on "Black Inventors from Africa".

Environmental: Mary Ross reported the committee is ready for the “Blessing of the Trees” event to take place on September 9, 2006.

Legislative: No report.

Education: No report.

Public Safety: Ann Curtsinger reminded the membership the PSA 606 meeting is held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

PSA606 Lt. Netter reported crime in PAS 606 was down for the month of August. He gave the membership several crime prevention tips. Commander Hoey addressed the membership about the police strategy to deal with the drug corridor at 28th and Texas Ave. The Commander also announced a gun buy back to be held on September 16, 2006.

Council Member Gray’s Remarks

- The council is developing a Violence Prevention Plan;
- there will be hearings on the Comprehensive Plan on September 27th;
- Vince has been in talks to resolve the problems at Hillcrest and other recreation centers in Ward 7;
- ESPN has struck a deal to broadcast D.C. High School sports games nationally, the first game will be Dunbar v. Coolidge on October 20, 2006; and
- Gray’s Note’s will be back in October.

Community Concerns

- Disaster Preparedness/Shelter in Place Training
- Meeting to discuss purchase of generators; and
- This is the 10th Anniversary of the Palisades Hillcrest partnership.
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The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lee Williams
Recording Secretary