

# HILLCREST COMMUNITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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## Minutes from General Membership Meeting September 1, 2007

The meeting was called to order by HCAA president Karen Williams at 10:00 AM. Chaplin John Hawkins read an inspirational message; the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The August minutes were read by Yvonne Dupree; minutes were approved by the membership.

Treasurers Report was presented by Monica Evans. The association's balance as of September 1, 2007 is \$6008. The report was approved by the membership.

### President's Report

- The board retreat has been rescheduled for Nov 17<sup>th</sup> and a venue will be determined at a late date
- The Palisades/Hillcrest dinner will be held at the German Embassy on November 13<sup>th</sup>.
- A Skyland town center meeting will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Hillcrest Recreation Center.
- The board has proposed several guest speakers for future Hillcrest meetings; proposed guest speakers are Clark Ray, DC Dept of Parks & Recreation, the Metro General Manager or Director, New DC school chancellor Michelle Rhee and Thomas Hampton, Commissioner DC Dept of Insurance, Securities and Banking.

### Announcements

- **Francis Gregory Library:** Ms. Mtewa announced that the interim branches of the Anacostia and Benning libraries are up and running. The funds for the renovation of the Francis Gregory Library have been obligated and the library is listed on the docket for rebuilding.
- Sign language classes will begin 9/16 and 9/23 on Sunday afternoons. Also, three beginning sign language classes will be in August.
- Friends of the Library fall festival will be October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- September is National Library Card sign up month.
- Metro discount applications are available at the Library; the library will send the application to Metro. It takes about 2 weeks to receive the discount card.
- Ms. Mtewa announced that the library has been given access to the Holden Bequest. A Hillcrest resident bequeathed the amount of \$960 to the library in 1998. The money was invested and is now \$1.3 million dollars for use by the library. The Library will use some of the money as Honoraria for experienced persons to give lectures, classes and seminars.

### Committee Reports

**Public Safety:** Ann Curtsinger reported that the annual night out was very successful with about 100 attendees.

- The District of Columbia will kick off National Preparedness Month at Anne Beers Elementary School on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Mayor Fenty will designate September as Preparedness Month in the District of Columbia urging citizens to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities.
- Naylor Gardens will have a walkabout on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>. The walkout was organized by Lt. Netter because of the rash of robberies in the area; the walkout is a type of citizen's patrol and to show concern and solidarity within their neighborhood.

**Fund Raising:** Richard Evans reported that the fund raising at the Nats vs. Mets baseball game on August 19<sup>th</sup> was successful and raised \$150.00. The suggestion was made that the game is picked earlier in the season.

**Environmental:** no report; blessing of the trees festival today

**Recreation:** Boyle Stuckey reported that the awards banquet held on August 11 was successful; 40 awards were given to the children that participated in T-Ball.

MEETING ADJOURNED 10:45am; BLESSING OF TREES TO FOLLOW

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne C. Dupree