



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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Membership Minutes

September 5, 2009

HCCA President Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Chaplin Hawkins gave the inspirational message followed by the pledge of allegiance. The August 2009 minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The associations' balance as of September 5, 2009 is \$16852.02. The Treasurer's report presented by President Williams was approved by the general membership.

President's Report

- The board has approved the motion to use PayPal as a method of collecting membership dues. Details will follow on how the HCCA will implement the process.
- Willard Poteat advised the board again on the on the cleanliness of the Marketplace Safeway. The board has recommended placing an article in the newsletter to ask the community participate in a massive letter campaign on the problem. Lionel Humphrey of Councilmember Alexander's office has pledged support from the councilmember's office.
- Phyllis Schellinger, daughter of Frances Garro expressed memories and thoughts of her mother to the group. Mrs. Garro served as the HCCA secretary from 1998-2000. President Williams noted our recognition of Fran's service with a \$100 contribution to the House of Ruth.

Membership

The attendee headcount at the September meeting was approximately 45. At today's meeting there were no new members. Visitors at the meeting are Mr. James Ferguson, President of the Penn Branch Civic Association, Lionel Humphrey of Councilmember Alexander's office and Mark E. Smith of the Mayor's Community Outreach office.

Library Report

Librarian Julie Karell announced several programs including the pilot program STAR to promote early literacy. There will be a community meeting on September 15th at 6:30pm to share the latest designs for the new Library. The architect and construction company will be on hand. The interim library site has not been designated and negotiations are underway for several locations.

ANC

No ANC Report



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Other Topics/Issues

Lionel Humphrey of Councilmember Alexander office announced that there were 400 tickets available for the September 9th Shakesphere play "Taming of the Shrew." There are also tickets available for Nationals Night Out on Sept 25th.

Anne Curtsinger spoke on behalf of David Kirkpatrick to report on the success of the National Night Out. There was a good turnout of about 100 persons.

Streets, Traffic, Transportation Report

Carrie Thornhill represented HCCA at a NCPC hearing on the 11th Street Bridge Project. The meeting was also attended by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society. Although there was opposition and a lawsuit by CHRS, the Commission approved the project. We need to remain vigilant on this project and pay attention to issues of air quality and traffic impacts on Pennsylvania Avenue. There will be City Council Hearing on September 17th on land transfer issues related to the bridges.

20th Anniversary

Carrie Thornhill reported that the Anniversary celebration begins today with the Panel of Presidents and ends with Blessing of the Trees. The Anniversary Luncheon is sold out. There will be over 225 participants and former Mayor Anthony Williams and the DC Poet Laureate are the guest speakers. The anniversary luncheon costs will come in under budget, leaving a net income to the Association's treasury as planned. The menu has been selected with vegetarian meals. Please arrive early to avoid congestion; the celebration will begin promptly.

Environmental

Mary Ross reminded everyone of the upcoming Blessing of the Trees festival and the events that will be held on September 19, 2009 at the Washington Wellness Center.

PSA 606/Public Safety Report

Sgt Harvey gave the PSA606 crime report. On hand with Sgt Harvey was Officer Pressard.

Panel of Presidents

To kick off the 20th Anniversary celebration the current and former HCCA presidents were asked to gather to give their perspective of their time in office and what is the future of the HCCA. The panel was moderated by Vice President Marvin Bowser as a two part session. All past and current presidents participated; Karen Williams, Vincent Spaulding, Paul Savage and Pastor Franklin Senger. Part one consisted of specific questions asked of the panel and part two were questions from the membership. Separate notes from this session are attached to the minutes.

50/50 Pick – The winner of the pick is Yvonne Dupree; the amount to the winner and the Treasury was \$28 each.

Respectfully submitted

Yvonne Dupree
Recording Secretary