



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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PANEL OF PRESIDENTS

SEPTEMBER 5, 2009

MODERATOR: MARVIN BOWSER

VP BOWSER BEGAN THE SESSION BY GIVING A BRIEF HISTORY OF HOW THE HCCA WAS FORMED IN THE BACK YARD OF GLORIA LOGAN ON A NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BY BELVA SIMMONS. MS. SIMMONS BECAME THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FORMED IN 1989. THE PRESIDENTS PANEL WAS INTRODUCED AND A TWO PART Q&A FOLLOWED.

PANEL: KAREN L. WILLIAMS, VINCENT SPAULDING , PAUL SAVAGE AND PASTOR SENGER.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

1. WHY WAS HCCA FORMED?
2. WHAT IS THE VALUE OF HCCA TO THE COMMUNITY?
3. WHAT IS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT AS HCCA PRESIDENT?
4. WHAT SHOULD HCCA BE DOING NOW?
5. WHAT SHOULD THE HCCA LOOK LIKE FIVE YEARS IN THE FUTURE?

SUMMARY

THE BULLETED ITEMS BELOW ARE POINTS MADE AS A RESULT OF THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PANEL AND QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE.

- HOST BRAINSTORMING AND STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSIONS
- HIRE PROFESSIONALS TO PREPARE A DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY OF THE HILLCREST COMMUNITY
- FIND RESOURCES WITHIN THE HCCA COMMUNITY TO SOLICIT THEIR HELP BY USING THEIR EXPERTISE ON COMMUNITY MATTERS.
- SEEK PROBONO HELP WITH COMMUNITY ISSUES
- INCREASE THE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF HCCA
- BUILD CONSENSUS AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP ON TOUGH ISSUES
- CONCENTRATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WITHIN EAST WASHINGTON
- EXPAND THE MEETINGS TO INCLUDE OPEN FORUMS
- INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP TO 1000 PLUS MEMBERS – HAVE A MASSIVE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN
- HAVE AN OUTREACH PROGRAM TO YOUNGER MEMBERS AND FAMILIES.
- MAINTAIN CONTACT AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEADERS OF THE GOVERNMENT
- INCREASE THE HCCA POWER BASE
- BUILD A SPEAKERS BUREAU; INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS AND THE PROFILE OF SPEAKERS
- RAISE THE POLITICAL CLOUT OF HCCA
- HAVE MORE FUN ; HAVE BLOCK PARTIES; ENCOURAGE MORE NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES