



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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Membership Minutes

September 7, 2013

The regular meeting of the HCCA was called to order by President Karen Williams at 10:15am followed by an inspirational message from Chaplain Frank Anderson and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes and the Treasurer's Report

The Recording Secretary, Deborah Johnson read the minutes of the August 3, 2013 Membership Meeting. There was a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion to approve the minutes was seconded. The minutes were approved by the membership.

Karen Williams gave the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Monica Evans and briefly reviewed the report with the Membership. There was \$7,591.37 in the balance at Wells Fargo Bank. There was a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion to approve the report was seconded. The Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership.

Committee Reports/Welcome of New Members and Guests

DPR – Garden update

Gardens are being built in the neighborhood. DPR is seeking volunteers. Take flyers provided in the back of the meeting room for more information.

Library – Miles Steele gave a summary of activities of Frances Gregory Library. He also announced the library's new operating hours.

ANC – Robyn Marlin reminded the membership of the September 19th ANC meeting. The Office of Planning will be at this meeting.

PS606 Report – Lt Hodge gave the report on neighborhood activity to the membership. A lot of burglaries are occurring Naylor Gardens.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Mattie Cheek

Newsletter survey results were distributed to the membership.

Public Safety Report – David Kirkpatrick

National Night Out was successful. 34th Street had the most participants. A Neighborhood Watch meeting was held at Naylor Gardens. Some residents volunteered to become Building Captains.

Education and Recreation Report – De’Andre Anderson

Anne Beers’ modernization went very well. Hillcrest Recreation ribbon cutting ceremony will be sometime in October. HCCA was asked to sponsor a forum on Traditional Schools vs. Charter Schools. Experts will be invited to discuss this topic. The forum is tentatively scheduled for October 15th.

The HCCA was well represented at Beautification Day at Anne Beers. A Family Engagement Conference, a State Board of Education workshop is going on at the same time as this membership meeting

Environmental Committee – Mary Ross

A signup sheet is going around for the volunteers for the September 21st Hillcrest clean up. Need volunteers. We will meet at Branch and Alabama Avenue. There will be a picnic afterwards. DC Water is starting construction this month on the sink hole at 32nd and Park Drive.

Fundraising Committee – Sheila Brown

Sheila Brown gave indicated that the Committee is awaiting funds for Monte Carlo night. A final report will be provided once these funds have been received.

Trip to Charlestown as a fundraiser was announced. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 26th. Price per ticket is \$35.00 with \$10.00 free play. Light fair and water will be available on the bus. The bus will be leaving from Denver and 32nd Street.

Street, Traffic and Transportation – Mark Johnson

The 11th Street Bridge Project celebration will be held today from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Membership – Phillip Hammond

Membership was reminded to pay their 2013 dues.

Issues and Announcements

A problem was mentioned regarding bats in houses and in the Naylor Gardens’ smoke stacks. Animal control was notified. Some information was given on how to get rid of bats. This information will be provided in the next Newsletter.

Hillcrest Day – Veronica

Hillcrest Day is scheduled for October 19th from 11:00am to 5:00pm at Anne Beers. On that same day there will be the Frances Gregory Library Flea Market from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Activities for this event were discussed. Also, a permit has been issued to close off the 3600 block of 36th Place.

Need approval for a total of \$4,000 for expenses. There was a motion to approve the \$4,000 for the Hillcrest Day activities. Motion was seconded. Motion was approved by the membership. All contacts and activities related to this event are needed by September 15th.

HCCA 25th Anniversary – Julia Rones and Gloria Logan

Planning is going well. The Committee is working on the history of Hillcrest in celebration of this anniversary. Members are asked to bring any artifacts, photos, banners regarding the HCCA to the next meeting.

By Laws – Kenneth Burke

Kenneth Burke read the proposed change to Article 3 of the HCCA By Laws. He also read the addition to language on the qualifications for the President. Motion to approve the change and addition to the By Laws as read was made. The motion was seconded. The membership approved the change and addition as read. The approved language is provided below.

Article 3
Directors
Section 2. Qualifications

NOW READS

Directors shall be of the age of majority in the District of Columbia. Other qualifications for directors of this association shall be as follows:

- Live within the service area of the Hillcrest Community Civic Association as defined in these ByLaws. An exception may be made by the Board of Directors if the candidate is deemed to have a significant interest in the Hillcrest Community Civic Association.
- Pay annual membership dues for the current year; and,
- Be eighteen years or older.

DELETE THE FIRST WORDS IN SECTION 2 WHICH NOW READS

Directors shall be of the age of majority in the District of Columbia. Other

so that it now reads:

Qualifications for directors of this association shall be as follows:

ADD AN ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATION

so that it now reads:

- **All candidates for the office of the President shall have served on the Board of Directors of the Association either in the capacity of an elected officer or as the chair of a standing committee for a minimum of one year during the five years prior to the election.**

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Guest Speaker

Pepco representatives – Ms. Cooper gave an overview of 3 initiatives

- 1) Reliability Improvement started in 2010. There is a 5-year plan including vegetation management and infrastructure improvement. Pepco is upgrading the system for economic growth.
- 2) Smart Grid implementation which started in 2010. Pepco is studying the environmental impact of Smart Meters.

3) Rate adjustment in DC

Ms. Cooper's contact information – 202/872-2477

The Membership asked that Pepco return to speak at another meeting.

Councilmember Update

Councilmember Yvette Alexander gave a legislative update. She agreed to follow-up on the Pepco Smart Meter study. She also gave an update on DC's activities related to the Affordable Care Act. DCHealthlink.com will be open October 1st. Open enrollment for health insurance coverage will last from October 1 to March 31, 2014.

Robyn Marlyn won the 50/50 raffle.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary