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## **Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting October 7, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by HCCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Carrie Thornhill. Chaplin John Hawkins read an inspirational passage "Most Vital Thing in Life", followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Monica Evans reported that HCCA currently has a total of \$4,987.21 in Wachovia Bank.

### **President's Report**

- The Board approved a \$100.00 contribution to the Good Hope Marketplace Haunted House;
- The Board also approved a \$100.00 contribution to the Ward 7 Democrats to support the school board candidates forum;
- The Board mad and carried a motion to make "the Blessing of the Trees" an annual event to be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of September;
- Discussion of the slate of HCCA officers and the acknowledgement that the work of the HCCA needs to be divided amongst a larger portion of the community. Madam vice president agreed to author a short paper on how this may be accomplished;
- Guest speaker for November representative from the Unified Communications Center;
- A motion was made and carried to pay HCCA's Federation of Civic Associations dues; and
- The policy on what can and cannot be published in the HCCA newsletter is still before the committee.

Ken Davis, Chair of the Nominating Committee addressed the membership about the 7 Board vacancies and the need for the membership to step up and take leadership roles. He solicited for volunteers from the floor and got volunteers for every Board position available except corresponding secretary.

### **Committee Reports**

**Fund Raising:** Richard Evans announced there are currently no fundraising events scheduled but thanked the Environmental Committee for their success with the "Blessing of the Trees" event.

**Information:** Willard Poteat announced there will be a Haunted House on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Good Hope Market Place for children in the community.

The Serenity Players will be performing "This Joy" at THEARCH on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **Francis A. Gregory Library**

Lessie Owens-Mtewa from the library reported the following updates:

- Computer classes for seniors are continuing;
- C.R. Gibbs lecture series continues with “Lost Kingdom of Africa” on October 14<sup>th</sup> and “Black Miners”, on October 28<sup>th</sup>;
- There will be a poetry reading on October 21<sup>st</sup>; and
- The library is hosting Game Day and Night.

**Education:** Linda Jackson requested those members of the HCCA who have an interest in educational issues in D.C. please step up and join the Committee. She also informed the membership about the upcoming School Board candidates Forum at The Arch on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Recreation:** The “Wine Tasting Cruise” sponsored by “The Friends of Hillcrest” scheduled for October 6, 2006 has been postponed. The Deputy Director of the Department of Recreation, Roslyn Johnson, replied to the HCCA letter requesting the appointment of a permanent Director for Hillcrest Recreation Center, her letter clarified the appointment process and stated she would expedite the search.

Boyle stated he would now send regular e-mails to the Hillcrest list serve informing members of the problems, and issues concerning the Center. He also reported the Recreation Center is trying to establish its own identity in the community. This is an attempt to strengthen the bond between the recreation center, HCCA and the community. The Friends and staff of Hillcrest are looking for, mascots, team names and logos. If we have any suggestions please contact him.

**Environmental:** Mary Ross introduced the members of the Environmental Committee who worked so diligently to make “The Blessing of the Trees” such a successful event.

**Public Safety:** Ann Curtsinger reported the AARP Driver Safety Training Course on November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Hillcrest Recreation Center. Completion of this course will give you a reduction in your auto insurance.

**Legislative:** Virgil McDonald reported on the School Board Candidates Forum on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m at Ward Memorial Church, 241 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, NE. Virgil noted Bills to keep an eye on during this lame duck period:

- Comprehensive Plan for the District of Columbia;
- Mayor’s Proposal for parking at the new stadium;
- Health care legislation; and
- Crime emergency Bill.

## **Council Member Gray’s Remarks**

Council Member Gray thanked HCCA and Ward 7 for their support in his bid for Chairman of the D.C. Council. He vowed to continue to push for the concerns of Ward 7. Issues before the Council are:

- Traffic claming plan for Ward 7;
- Comprehensive Plan for The District of Columbia; and
- The formation of a non-profit consortium in Ward 7.

**PSA606** Lt. Netter reported crime in PAS 606 was down for the month of September. He gave the membership several crime prevention tips. The next PSA meeting will be held on October 18, 2006..

**Guest Speaker: DDOT**

- The role of the DDOT; the types of projects; and the various funding sources were explained to the membership. The focus of the presentation was the Pennsylvania Avenue Great Streets Project. The membership was provided with an overview of the planning process for this project and provided with the possible solutions to several problem areas. The final plans for the Pennsylvania Project will be presented on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lee Williams  
Recording Secretary