



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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Membership Minutes

October 5, 2013

The regular meeting of the HCCA was called to order by President Karen Williams at 10:10am. There was a change to the agenda to allow the Education and Recreation Committee Chair, De'Andre Anderson to provide his report since he had to leave early.

Education and Recreation Report – De'Andre Anderson

Announced the October 15th Education forum and distributed flyers with the information. The membership was asked to participate. It will be held at Randall Highlands.

Chaplain Frank Anderson gave the inspirational message and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chaplain proposed that a "Hillcrest Hall of Honor" be established by the HCCA the Hall would honor those who have contributed or sacrificed for the benefit of our community and our city. He also proposed that the first honoree be Arthur Daniels, a Southeast resident who was killed on September 16th at the Navy Yard. Dennis Logan was also proposed as a candidate for induction into the Hall of Honor. It was moved and seconded to establish a Hillcrest Hall of Honor. The Hall of Honor was approved by the membership.

Minutes and the Treasurer's Report

The Recording Secretary, Deborah Johnson read the minutes of the September 7th Membership Meeting. It was commented that the ByLaws changes should be part of the minutes and not as an attachment to the minutes. There was a motion to approve the minutes with this correction. Motion to approve the minutes was seconded. The minutes were approved with changes 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 \$8,879.97 in the balance at Wells Fargo Bank. This does not include all items from Monte Carlo Night. 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/Welcomes of New Members and Guests

Returning member – Alphonso Coles came back to the HCCA. He said he would try to attend the meetings as he did in the past.

Library – Miles Steele reminded the Membership of the October 19th Flea Market which will be from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Information was distributed along with applications for a table at the Flea Market. Table set up starts at 7:00am. Robyn Marlin indicated that the Friends of Frances Gregory has a membership committee. They will have a table at the Flea Market to encourage people to join.

ANC – Robyn Marlin reminded the membership of the October 17th ANC meeting. DC Department of Transportation will speak about traffic patterns and maintenance of islands. Commercial businesses are supposed to clean up their own spaces. The Hillcrest Recreation Center remodeling will be completed by the end of October or by the first couple of weeks of November. The ANC will submit a proposal to WMATA regarding the potential changes to bus routes.

Chisholm – Councilmember Yvette Alexander's office plans to participate in the bus route meeting scheduled for October 7th.

PS606 Report – Lt. Hodge gave the report on crime in the area. Burglaries are concentrated in Naylor Gardens. Thieves are going through air conditioners and open windows. Officers were posted at 30th and Alabama to stop illegal turning and cones were placed in select areas as a test. Branch Avenue is a priority right now. It was asked if cones can be placed at 34th and Southern. Captain Hodge said yes. It was also indicated that Hillcrest Drive is a speed problem.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Report – David Kirkpatrick

DC Police Department does have Twitter activity. At the October 16th PSA meeting, there will be a discussion about this. At the October 3rd neighborhood walk, 40+ people participated. HCCA sent a letter on September 29th regarding Hillcrest's frustration with burglaries.

Environmental Committee – Mary Ross

Phil Hammond gave the update on the Hillcrest Cleanup. There are two cleanups each year. Eighteen people participated. Others cleaned in their own neighborhoods. The goal is to have pickup sticks in the hands of all Hillcrest residents to pick up trash in front of their houses. All should at least pick up trash where they live. We want the Department of Public Works to clean up the streets with no cars.

Fundraising Committee – Sheila Brown

Sheila Brown indicated that the Committee is still awaiting funds for Monte Carlo night. A final report will be provided once these funds have been received. The casino trip is cancelled for October 26th. The Committee is now looking at November 1st as the date for the trip. The Membership was asked to give the Committee ideas for 2014 fundraising activities.

Holiday in Hillcrest – The Committee is now contacting the caterer that was used last year. Cost is estimated to be between \$16.61 and \$27.05 per person, depending upon what we agree to have. HCCA could subsidize the event with contributions from attendees.

Street, Traffic and Transportation – Mark Johnson

There will be a meeting with WMATA on Monday at East Washington Heights at 6:00pm on bus route changes.

Membership – Phillip Hammond

Membership was reminded to pay their 2013 dues. Dues are \$12.00 per family. The Committee will discuss the proposed new membership dues for 2014 with the Membership at the November meeting.

Issues and Announcements

HCCA 25th Anniversary – Julie Rones and Gloria Logan

A presentation and overview were given on the historic documents and other information collected so far as part of the 25th Anniversary celebration. They are asking for artifacts on the history of Hillcrest.

Guest Speaker

Mark Johnson introduced Alexis Goggans to give a brief presentation on the 11th Street Bridge Project. She passed around a signup sheet for a tour of the project scheduled for Saturday, October 12th at 10:00am. Anyone who cannot attend can contact Alexis directly to schedule another tour date at 202/809-2013 or alexis@jsallc.com.

Michelle Peete won the 50/50 raffle.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah Johnson, Recording Secretary