



Hillcrest Community Civic Association

"Working Together for a Better Community"

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Hillcrest Community Civic Association Regular Meeting Membership Meeting Minutes October 4, 2014

The regular meeting of the HCCA was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by President Karen Williams. The meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance that was led by President Williams.

MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the secretary, the minutes from the September 2014 meeting were not read.

Treasurer's report dated October 4, 2014 was given by Monica Evans. A balance of \$8,928.86 is in the account at Wells Fargo. There is an additional balance of \$1,000.00 for the HCCA Scholarship Fund at the BB&T Bank. The membership properly moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. It was explained that the final report from the 25th Anniversary has not been received and is not included in the budget report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Safety Committee – David Kirkpatrick

There have been recent criminal activities with a moped. Other community members mentioned criminal activities are on the rise in the area of Good Hope Road. Although, the issue has been raised to Lt. Hodge, he will continue to talk about the specific strategies to combat these issues at the October PSA meeting. It was further suggested that everyone should receive Zack's stats as they are a good source for monitoring crime in our community.

Membership Committee – Phil Hammond

Thanked everyone for their support on the semi-annual clean-up day.

All were reminded that the membership dues are \$15 for 1 year or \$24 for 2 years.

Environmental Committee – Mary Ross

Mary presented the final award for the "Save the Monarch Butterfly" poster contest to William Bell, the 12 yr old winner. William explained the meaning of his art work.

Mary also thanked those who participated in the community clean-up campaign and encouraged others to join in for the spring 2015 clean up.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Nominations Committee – Don Murray

The slate of officers was read to the membership. The floor was opened for nominations but there were none. The election will be Saturday, November 1. The nominating committee has designed the ballots to be used.

Hillcrest Day Committee – Sheila Brown for Jeanne Cortada

Hillcrest Day will be Saturday, October 18. A list will be circulated at the meeting for volunteers to donate baked goods to sell. Proceeds will be shared by Hillcrest Scholarship Fund and Anne Beers.

Hospitality Committee – Sheila Brown for Yvonne Burke

The membership was asked to vote on whether they wanted to Holiday lunch and whether they wanted to pot luck or would be willing to pay for a catered lunch. The membership voted to cater the luncheon. A sign-up sheet for holiday luncheon volunteers was circulated.

25th Anniversary Committee – Karen Williams for Julie Rones

The membership was thanked for participating in the banquet and making it a success. The final financial report will be presented at a future meeting.

POLICE/ANC REPORTS

Police Report – Lieutenant Hodge

The updated report was provided and explained to the membership. The Lieutenant was then questioned about issues concerning crime and loitering around Safeway and the Good Hope/Naylor Road areas in general. Lt. Hodge offered that the absence of a law to prohibit loitering is problematic for the police.

The membership suggested that most of the neighborhood crime occurs in that area. Perhaps the police substation could be put to better use, no trespassing signs need to be posted as appropriate, public nuisance laws need to be better enforced, e.g., public urination and littering.

Also, the shopping center management should be alerted to the complaints and meet with community representatives. Lt. Hodge assured the community that the issues are being addressed.

It was recommended that the vigorously enforce the public nuisance laws.

The membership was reminded to continuously call if any suspicious or questionable activity is noticed. This information is recorded in the unified communications system.

It was also recommended that there needs to be a coordinated approach to solve the issue. There needs to be a collective sense of outrage possibly including a press conference.

ANC Report – Robin Marlin

One of the speakers at the September ANC 7B meeting was Hilda Mason's daughter who asked the membership to support some upcoming bills that advocate justice for the elderly.

The ANC works to coordinate on all issues. It needs more coordination with the HCCA, ANC and the Police to solve some of the problems.

A Skyland Update will be featured at the ANC 7B Meeting on Thursday, 10/16/14.

Commissioner Marlin will look into the change in bus route issues that were raised. She believes that it was the U bus line that was recently changed. There were no changes go the 36 bus line within its Hillcrest route.

MISCELLANEOUS

President Williams mentioned that Fletcher B. Johnson School (Benning Rd and 55th Pl) has been closed. The RFO has been released for a charter school. Even if a charter school is approved, there is still room for additional usage. The Ward 7 Education Council wants to hear from Ward 7 residents for ideas on additional usage of the site. Suggestions could be sent to Karen Williams. From the floor, some suggestions included a site to train boxers or conference space similar to the Kellogg Center facility. The Ward 7 Education Council would like to consider a facility similar to the ARC in Ward 8 that might include dance classes, gardens, business incubator.

It was mentioned that ANC 7E is opposed to a charter school at that site.

President Williams mentioned a discussion from the previous Board meeting about a survey that was conducted by Jeanne Contarto for Hillcrest families with young children on the issue of what measures could be taken to attract younger families to attend the meetings. Ms. Contarto stated the results of the survey asked for child care and shorter meetings.. President Williams put the proposal before the Board to consider making arrangements for childcare and for shortening of the general membership meetings. Karen asked for volunteers to work with Boyle Stuckey to explore the possibilities.

Karen reported that W.C. Smith plans to open a business enterprise to provide vocational education for people seeking employment at Skyland and other places. It will be on Good Hope Road, at the location that Hope Center previously occupied. More information will follow.

GUEST SPEAKER

Marc K. Battle, ESQ - VP for the Washington DC Region Pepco
He gave an update on the proposed Exelon/Pepco Merger. The shareholders and Board of Directors of PEPCO have approved the merger. It must now get the approval of the public service commission.

With the merger, the new area of coverage is DC, MD, PA and NJ. Mr. Battle provided information and responded to questions about job possibilities, underground cables, experience with other mergers as it rates,

50/50 for the winner was \$13.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sheila Brown, Chair
Fundraising Committee