

**Hillcrest Community Civic Association (HCCA)  
Draft Minutes Monthly Membership Meeting  
November 6, 2004**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by HCCA President, Vince Spaulding. Chaplain, John Hawkins read a "Post Election" type inspirational reading, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes were read by Monica Holman Evans and accepted without correction.

Dennis Logan stated in his treasurer's report that the HCCA current balance is \$4,669.67.

The President reported the following:

- HCCA has been recognized by the Federation of Civic Associations. Kathy Chamberlain is attending the luncheon that is running concurrently with our Association Meeting. Dennis Logan also received recognition for his service to the city through Neighborhood Watch
- The Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 4 at the new Hillcrest Recreational Center. Please contact Dorothy Anthony about bringing a dish to this pot luck. A sign-up sheet will be circulated.
- The Board approved a motion to have our Association meetings in the Fellowship Hall of the Hillcrest Recreational Center. We will continue to come back to meet at the church center as appropriate for events. The general membership approved the motion.
- We need a representative from HCCA on the Marshall Heights Board of Directors
  - Ayoka Blandford of 3619 Alabama Avenue volunteered
- The President indicated his pleasure in getting more people involved in the leadership of HCCA
- Our guest speakers will be our Council members-elect. Please look over the list of prepared questions that was distributed. You may add to the list

### **Committee Reports**

**Nominating:** Ken Davis presented the current slate of candidates for the November 6 elections. We will look at vacancies and accept nominations from the floor where there is a vacancy or not.

- Pastor Franklin Senger was nominated for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. He declined.
- Brandi Williamson accepted the nomination for Correspondence Secretary.

- Monica Holman Evans accepted the nomination for Treasurer.
- Mary Ross accepted the nomination for Environmental/Beautification Chair.
- Richard Evans accepted the nomination for Fundraising Chair.
- Evelyn Primas accepted the nomination for Membership Chair.
- Howard Ways accepted the nomination for Strategic Communications Chair.
- Mark Johnson withdrew his name from Recreation Chair. Boyle Stuckey accepted the nomination for Recreation Chair.
- A motion from the floor was introduced to create a Hospitality Chair. Any change would require a change in the by-laws. Hospitality duties fall under other committees.
- The membership was asked to complete and turn in all ballots. The Membership Office is the only office with more than one candidate running.

### **ANC 7B Report**

- Kathy Chamberlain thanked for her representation
- Vince Spaulding announced Neil Stanley will be the guest speaker at the Town Hall meeting on November 18
- We have 2 new ANC Commissioners: Robin Marlin and Ken Davis

### **Recreation Committee**

- The Recreation Committee will meet at the new Recreational Center at noon after the HCCA meeting
- Sam Williams, the new Hillcrest Site Manager, was introduced
- The grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Hillcrest Recreational Center will be December 18, 2004
- The HCCA Board supports the creation of a "Hall of Fame" wall at the Hillcrest Recreational Center. Two candidates for the wall were mentioned: Calvin Woodland and Mr. McGuire (former manager). The Committee needs to develop criteria for nomination and selection.
- Vince Spaulding thanked Mark Johnson for his service as Recreation Chair. He took us through our 10 and 15 year celebrations.

### **Fundraising Committee**

- Faith Lyles thanked everyone for supporting the Fundraising Committee over the years. The members of the committee were thanked

## **Information Committee**

### Announcements:

- There will be a Skyland Town Hall Meeting to discuss the future of the Skyland Shopping Center. It will be Saturday, November 13 from 10 am – 3 pm. It will be held at the Winston Educational Center (3100 Erie Street, SE)
- The Anacostia Economic Development Corporation (AEDC), owners of the Good Hope Marketplace, will be holding a scholarship fundraiser. It will be at the Washington Hilton and Towers in the Crystal Ballroom on December 5 from 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm. The donation is \$100/person
- DC Government is sponsoring a Table Top Exercise on Emergency Preparedness – participants will be presented with emergency scenarios; The Hillcrest meeting will be on November 9 at Randle Highlands School on 31<sup>st</sup> Street. It will be from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Sergeant Ray Danelli is retiring from the Police Department on November 13. Willard Poteat will attend the Retirement Celebration on November 18

### Dorothy Anthony – Presentation about Holiday Party

- The festivities will include a pot luck at the new Recreational Center
- We still need volunteers. Males and females are needed
- Please forward your names on the paper that is being circulated.
- Would like to meet today to discuss decorating, set-up and clean-up.
- The newsletter contains a sign up sheet for what to bring to the Holiday Party.
- Safeway has been asked to donate something other than the sandwiches that are donated for our meetings.
- Sam Williams, the Recreational Center site manager, will see if we can have wine on the premises.

### Ted Risher will be our main contact with the National Capital Revitalization Corporation (NCRC)

- Redevelopment of the Skyland Shopping Center is moving forward. The money is in the bank
- Please attend the November 13 meeting at the Winston Educational Center.
- Mr. Risher was cautioned to look at empirical data.
- The goal is to have a community gathering place
- The Office of Planning has been involved in the process.

### **Membership Committee**

- The current membership is 412 households. There were 8 new members last month.
- Every member is asked to recruit one new member.

### **Education Committee**

Linda Jackson is out of town. The Committee will be meeting with the principals of the 3 elementary schools in Hillcrest on Tuesday, November 9

### **Public Safety Committee**

Ed Wilhelm expressed the need for more participation on the Committee. He's looking for volunteers to spread the work. A sheet is being sent around.

### **Strategic Communications Committee**

Howard Ways served on the News Channel 4 Advisory Committee. Hillcrest wants to emphasize accuracy in reporting and positive stories. Perceptions about neighborhoods are made through news stories.

### **Neighborhood Watch**

Ann Curtsinger indicated that Naylor Gardens won the "National Night Out" Competition. There is a need to strengthen the Watch Programs in Naylor Gardens and Fairfax Village.

- A work crew in Naylor Gardens was robbed. It was not reported. An officer was sent out to meet with the contractors. There are probably some diversity issues to be explored. The contractors are Hispanic. Since they are on-site, they can help monitor activity in the area. We need to reach out to them. They are part of the community.

PSA Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6 pm. More participation is needed.

### **PSA 606 Report**

Lt. Netter is becoming outraged with the increased crime rates. If residents see truancy or curfew violations we need to call 311. We need to get young people to the Recreational Center and keep them off of the street.

When shopping for Christmas gifts, don't make your kids a target. Don't buy them items that will only get stolen.

Lt. Netter can be reached on his cell phone, 202-207-7004.

### **Nominating Committee Final Report**

The slate of officers was adopted as discussed. Evelyn Primas will be the new Membership Chair.

### **Guest Speakers**

Pastor Senger introduced Vincent Gray and Kwame Brown.

Vincent Gray talked about his vision for a unified ward. He will be working on a full-time Ward 7 agenda

Kwame Brown looks to bring the city together. He will look at business models in other cities and work with leaders in DC.

### **Announcements**

Robin Marlin is out of town but thanks everyone for voting. She is the Commissioner-elect for her Single Member District.

Let's unite behind our new representatives!

We will meet at the Hillcrest Recreational Center after the meeting.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.**

Respectfully submitted

Monica Holman Evans