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Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting December 3, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 by HCCA President Vincent Spaulding. Chaplain John Hawkins provided an inspirational reading "Behold I Bring You Good Tidings of Great Joy" followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the November meeting were read by Karen Lee Williams and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Richard Evans reported for Monica Evans that HCCA has a balance of \$3,598.98 in Wachovia Bank.

President's Report: Vince Spaulding reported that:

- Pastor Senger is currently in the hospital. .
- Now that the revision to the HCCA by-laws has been completed, a completed version of the new by-laws will be published on the Hillcrest website.
- Membership made and passed a motion to spend up to \$1,000.00 to publish the "Welcome to Hillcrest Booklet.
- The Board retreat scheduled for January 21st was announced to the general membership.
- An announcement was made about the electronic filing of official HCCA documents. Currently the officers will be responsible for the filing of those documents that are generated by their committee.
- Guest speakers: January, NCRC; February, MHDC; and February, Wayne Young.

Committee Reports

Recreation: Boyle Stuckley reported the MPDC and DC Fire Department Basketball Tournament was a success. The "Friends of Hillcrest Recreation Center" will be hosting a Christmas Party at the center on December 23rd, from 6 to 8. The "Friends of Hillcrest Recreation Center" will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of January and will be discussing the possibility of opening the gates to the center on Sunday.

Fund raising: Richard Evans notified the membership that starting January 7th the membership will be able to purchase six 50/50 tickets for the price of five.

Information: Willard Poteat announced that " William Lockridge is holding to Access the State of Schools in Wards 7 and 8 on December 6th at 6:00 p.m. at Ballou Senior High School.

Willard also announcement the manager of the Safeway, Steve Gray has been promoted for his exceptional work at the Good Hope Market Place Safeway and will be leaving the area. It was recommended that HCCA write a letter to officially document his services to HCCA. A motion was made and approved by the membership to write the letter.

Membership: Evelyn Primas reported there are now 512 households who are members of HCCA. Membership dues for 2006 are due starting January 1, 2006. Information for the general membership meetings is located on the tables outside the meeting room and she reminded all attendees to stop by the table located just inside the doorway to sign in.

Public Safety: Vince Spaulding announced the “Driving School” sponsored by AARP to be held at the Hillcrest Recreation Center.

NCRC Update

Ted Risher reported the following to the membership:

- NCRC has received approval to spend the 21 million dollars originally budgeted for the project.
- \$11 million has been spent to acquire one to two acres from the present owners.
- Currently there is 75% site control.
- There are seven remaining owners with whom NCRC is currently negotiating terms.
- The goal is to have 100% site control of the site by the end of December/January.

The next steps are:

- Monitor court process on cases currently being considered that may have a bearing on the project.
- To issue RFP’s for management and security.
- Accomplish cosmetic site improvements (i.e. lighting, improving parking lot, etc.).
- Installing a security fence around the area.
- Finalizing financing options.
- Before a Public Use Development Plan is submitted, soliciting community input.
- And, finalizing plans for an anchor store (i.e. Target).

Ted estimated it will take 12 months to complete this phase of the project. A more detailed report will be given to the membership at January’s meeting.

Council member Gray’s Report:

Vincent Gray, Council Member for Ward 7 gave the following report:

- Skyland has been one of the most challenging projects he has worked on during his tenure as council member. He thanked everyone involved for their intensive efforts to complete this project.
- Traffic development in Hillcrest, especially the impact of Branch Avenue changes have been address in a meeting with the DOT.
- 1/2/ million dollars has been appropriated to address the issue of AIDS in Ward 7.
- Council member Gray reported he held a meeting with the leadership of MPDC to address the issue of drug abuse through a ward wide.
- Mr. Gray announced there will be a council vote on a proposal to invest 1 billion dollars in DCPS on December 5th.
- Mr. Gray also announced his support of a bill to provide incentives for health care professionals to live and work in underserved neighborhoods of DC.
- Mr. Gray also informed the membership NASCARR is sponsoring an “Urban Youth Racing School” in Ward 7.
- Finally, Council member Gray again announced his support for a full service, state of the art National Capital Medical Center to be built on Reservation 13.

Guest Speaker: Kwame Brown

Kwame Brown, Council Member-At-Large introduced his staff and spoke of his priorities which are:

- The completion of Skyland Shopping Center.
- His educational goal that every child attending DCPS have textbooks.
- His efforts to have DCRA address issues of illegal dumping and other quality of life issues in our neighborhood.
- Mr. Brown's attempts to affect an even distribution of law enforcement resources in our city and law enforcement attention to the flow of traffic in our community.
- And, his desire to establish a means of providing affordable housing in the city for our teachers and to address the issues of equitable city-wide educational opportunities and reduced class size for our students.

Virgil McDonald passed out talking points in support of the National Capital Medical Center.

Environmental: Mary Ross reported the winners of the "Anti-Litter Poster Campaign" were not present to receive their awards. She will attempt to have them attend the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. and the HCCA "Annual Christmas Party" began.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Lee Williams
Recording Secretary