

Historic College Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
February 9, 2010

- I. President Rick Pierce Welcome:
 - a. Looking to change HCPNA by-laws that cover the due dates for membership fees from Oct-Oct to a calendar year
 - b. Asked to re-look at the by-laws that states that some of our funds will be re-invested back into the community.

- II. Treasurer's Report, Eileen Murphy
 - a. HCPNA Regular Account:
 - b. Special Events Account:
 - c. Budget for 2009-2010 if anyone wants to see it, request an email through Eileen

- III. Membership, Kip Carr
 - a. Only 57 paid – many have not paid
 - b. Paypal is online to help pay!
 - c. We will start an invoice process to help
 - d. People who had not paid memberships were dropped this summer

- IV. Welcome – Barbara Coffee – new Office Development Director
 - a. New from Phoenix
 - b. Very excited to be a part of the city's team

- V. Welcome to new Interim Chief Fears – to take over leadership of the Police Department
 - a. Open Door Policy
 - b. Look for things to stay the same as Chief Kuzniacki

- VI. Police Report, Chief Mungroo
 - a. Car theft – watch out for keeping things in your car
 - b. Cameras will be up in a week or so – delay due to weather
 - c. Discussion on state accreditation (4 days to a week out)
 - i. Goal of this is to bring the department to another level
 - d. Staff – down 1 or 2, 109 officers total

- VII. Code Enforcement Update
 - a. New Staff – overseeing Ward 1 and 3, Cassandra Huntley
 - i. New Laundry Mat on Main Street
 - ii. 9 apartment buildings lost in foreclosure
 1. 7 new owners are known
 2. Property Holding Companies
 3. No plans for renovation
 4. 149 vacant properties in the city
 5. Ward 1 has the most

6. Discussion over foreclosed homes and how to contact owners and communicate home status.

VIII. Community Activities – Eileen Murphy

a. Trees Atlanta

- i. February 27th (meeting at 8:30am in Barrett Park) – Our goal is to plant trees in Ward 1 and Ward 3 – Trees Atlanta will fund \$60 and the home owner will fund \$60 for the tree. The HCPNA will pay for 5 trees to be planted in the park (around the playground/shade trees – and also areas between the sidewalk and the street).
- ii. Requesting help from the city to help pay for 15 to 20 trees – and asking for volunteers to help plant trees
- iii. Need 40 trees to make this a “go”
- iv. A site inspection will be conducted beforehand to insure that the trees are planted in a spot that will work based on location.

IX. Government Report, Councilman Ambrose Clay & Councilman Wyatt

- a. Water Service Interruption on Thursday – water off for 6 hours. Replacing a fire hydrant.
- b. Utility Bill – (information coming on a new deal with Gas South that is designed to help citizens with lower rates and generate some income for the city). They will give you \$50 credit for you to break your contract with your current gas provider.
- c. Urban Farm Update:
 - i. Looking at land is at Victoria and Columbia
 - ii. Private/Public partnership
 - iii. Discussion in regards to Woodward’s community garden project.
- d. Getting compressed natural gas busses (ten) – bring business from hotels and convention centers to downtown HCP.
 - i. Looking to have local HS students name the busses through a contest.
- e. Discussion around water main budget and repair
- f. Discussion around Michon’s liquor license and loan payment status
- g. Discussion on gas meter leaks – is it being sponsored by the city?
 - i. The city has nothing to do with gas meters or leaks
- h. Discussion on fiber optic lines coming into the city
- i. Discussion on the revolving loan plan and strategy
- j. Recreation Center Update – Ribbon Cutting on February 20th at 1:00

Announcements:

1. Our Place Bakery/Poor Little Rich Girl and the Brake Pad:
 - a. Beer and Wine Tasting – Next Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
 - b. Prizes – all day celebration
 - c. Tickets, \$15, \$20 at door
 - d. Movie night, next TH, Feb. 11th
2. Next Art’s Festival Meeting is Tuesday, February 23rd
3. Woman’s Club, Kentucky Derby Party, May 1st

4. HCP Historical Society
 - a. Spring Flight, Saturday, April 10th, 6pm
5. Census Update
 - a. CP had the lowest Census turnout of any city in the state
 - b. Massive marketing campaign and efforts to increase census turnout
 - c. It is only 10 questions, very generic.
6. SunTrust Bank Grand Opening, February 25th, 5pm
7. Send Patty Mclver articles and photos for Dogwoods and Sidewalks. Especially photos from the snow and/or HCPNA Holiday Party.

Notes taken by Stephanie Roppolo, HCPNA Board Secretary