

**HCA Executive Board Focus Meeting
On Hillandale Forest Traffic Issues
Tuesday, February 7th, 2017 at 7:00 pm
10202 Lariston Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20903**

Board Attendance: Margie Goergen-Rood (President), Shana Davis-Cook (VP), Andrew Harris* (VP-Programs), Ken Harringer* (Treasurer), Heather Thomas (Secretary/Membership), Luann Spiller* (Past-President/Housing), Jeff McNeil (At-Large OH), Virgil Tudor* (At-Large WH), Tom Helfand* (At-Large WH/Schools), Ava Penny* (At-Large HF), Ross Sutton (Bulletin/Garden), Kimberly Pfirrmann-Powell (Historian/Membership), Phyllis Solomon* (Nat. Resources), Clay Teunis (Watch), Russ Harris* (Web), Kay Taub* (Greeter), Eileen Finnegan (Zoning)

** Not present*

Invited Attendees:

- Lillie Brown (Resident and Community Organizer in Hillandale Forest)
- Richard Romer (Hillandale Representative to the East County Citizens Advisory Board with a background in traffic safety legislation)

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm

- Introductions
- Meeting Goals:
 - Develop a strategy for engaging the counties, residents of Hillandale Forest, and area stakeholders to fix longstanding traffic issues in Hillandale Forest
- Resolution:
 - A small committee consisting of Bill Thomas, Shana Davis-Cook, and Lillie Brown will explore the issues in depth and report back to the board with findings. The focus of the committee is:
 - To identify and quantify the traffic issues that continue to plague Hillandale Forest
 - Identify and socialize potential solutions with affected parties to determine those that are likely to garner support (or opposition)
 - Develop a position that the HCA can advocate for at every opportunity.

- Discussion centered around three themes:
 - The traffic issues in Hillandale Forest, along with potential solutions for each. Ultimately these initial discussions were useful, but the way forward is to have these detailed discussions and debates within the committee, with a summary of recommendations coming back to the board for vote.
 - The path that the community should take in advocating for solutions to these traffic problems in Hillandale Forest. These issues are long-standing due to their complexity and the necessity of engaging both Montgomery & Prince Georges counties. In the end, the board decided to first develop a position, then look for opportunities and paths to push for the implementation.
 - How, when & if HCA should engage additional stakeholders (such as area developers, county experts, and others) in building consensus and support around a position prior to advocacy with the counties. Again, there was support for & concern with a new and more coordinated approach, but the details and execution will have to wait until the committee comes back with its recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm