



Hillandale Citizens Association Inc. Board Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM  
Montgomery County Police Station District 3 Meeting Room  
1002 Milestone Drive Silver Spring, MD 20904

**Members in Attendance**

Mary Bergman  
Eileen Finnegan  
Anita Ginyard-Rogers  
Margie Goergen-Rood  
Jai J. Green (Advisory)  
Russ Harris

Tom Helfand  
Melissa Knapp  
Jeremiah Pope  
Paul Rood  
Marcy Schlissel  
Nancy Stark  
Richard Steinberg

**Apologies**

Shana Davis-Cook  
Barry Epstein  
Eddie Hall  
Angie Logan-Pope

Ann Perry  
Richard Sternberg  
Kay Taub

**Welcome and Call to Order at 7:02**

Meeting was called to order

Police Commander David McBain spoke briefly. He welcomed the HCA Board, and he stated, moreover, that in the future, the HCA Board could use the room free of charge, if we contacted him directly. The HCA president declined the offer and stated that we would meet instead at the White Oak Library. The large meeting room has been booked for both the March and May meetings for a cost of \$40 per room.

Anita Ginyard-Rogers introduced herself as new Secretary.

1. **Roll Call produced quorum**

2. **Minutes were approved**

3. **Treasurer Report and Update**

- The treasurer reported the budget as shown:

Treasurer reported as follows:

Monthly Ending December 29, 2023

CASH BALANCE	\$18,955.33
Checking Account	\$ 3,949.06
Money Market	\$ 6,436.27
CD	\$ 8,570.00

INCOME	
Interest	\$ 12.18

EXPENSES	
Transfer to New CD \$	.73

- A motion was put forth and approved to establish a PO Box for a permanent mailing address for the association at a cost of \$216 per year. Effective sometime after 1/10/2024 the mailing address will be the PO Box on New Hampshire Ave and Randolph Road.

4. **Officers/Committee Reports**

**a. President**

- The president reminded the board that he sent a copy of *Robert Rules of Order* to everyone to help the board meetings run smoothly.
- A discussion was held to setup a calendar of public meetings for the year. The by-laws state that the community is to have public meetings every other month. Thursday was discussed as a good day for a higher level of attendance for meetings. A motion was put forth and agreed to establish the next three dates for public meetings on a Thursday with the flexibility for the program director to change the dates based on venue availability. The approximate dates identified are February 22, April 25, and June 27.

**b. Vice President for Programs**

- The vice president of programs reported that there were issues related to the December Holiday party, including the double-booking of the venue for the event, the CHI center.

- A motion was put forth and approved for the February General meeting program proposed by the vice president of programs to invite the local school principals for a discussion of education-related topics.
- During the board meeting board members discussed a proposed calendar of public events:

**February:**

- Invite local school principals for a discussion on education-related topics

**April:**

- Parks and planning development

**June:**

- Invite Montgomery County political figures for a discussion on the bills that affect our county and what bills they are supporting

**c. Membership**

- Financial requests
  - \$30 reimbursement for reserving the 3rd District meeting room
  - \$250 donation for "We Achieve" for the two Hillandale Community meetings that we held in 2023
  - Membership Drive:
    - a. A motion was put forth and approved to do a membership drive. The details are that the most updated list provided while in this meeting should be used and the letter should have the following details:
      - i. be addressed to "resident".
      - ii. Contain an envelope with the new PO box
      - iii. Have a statement that reads "if you have already paid, please ignore".

**d. Zoning and Planning**

Three development projects were discussed:

- Hillandale Gateway: Mixed-use development at site of Holly Hall; site work now underway; vertical construction begins in March with 2026-27 completion. Details unknown on drive-thru Starbucks
- Viva White Oak: New developer reportedly involved, MCB Real Estate from Baltimore; details not yet public.
- Amalgamated Transit Union ATU (old Labor College): News report of pending sale and redevelopment of the campus by WRS to a mixed-

use community with townhomes, high-density residential and retail including a big-box.

Three New Hampshire Ave issues presented:

- State Highway Administration has a safety program for NH from the Beltway south to Piney Branch; whether Hillandale can be added is an open issue.
- New Hampshire Bus Rapid Transit: County Dept of Transportation has planning study underway. Hillandale station location (north of Powder Mill) may be problematic.
- White Oak Science Gateway Local Area Transportation Program: Status unclear; Hillandale needs attention.

Board discussed and agreed for Eileen to speak with Planning regarding ATU/WRS land use plans so HCA understands options and better participate in advocating for Hillandale residents. A small meeting with Planning by interested Board members may be arranged. Possible speakers for HCA's April general meeting to be explored.

**e. Beautification**

The Committee report was provided in the January 10, 2024 executive board meeting agenda as follows:

- Adopt a Road Program (The final decision is not HCA's choice)
  - 1st Choice requested to Adopt - Powder Mill Road
  - 2nd Choice requested to Adopt - New Hampshire Ave. Service Rd
  - Name to be placed on Nameplate - Hillandale Citizens Association
- The Beautification committee will also be working on the Hillandale Yard/Garden Awards program for this Spring. More information will be placed in the newsletter to be sent to the community.

**f. Welcome**

- The welcome committee reported they will need reimbursement for printing copies of materials in English and Spanish for the community. The committee was asked to provide the amount needed at the March board meeting. In addition, there was a discussion of getting tchotchkes. The committee directed the committee to propose a budget before any approval could be discussed.

**5. Old Business**

- Richard Sternberg will join Nancy Stark on identifying revisions to the bylaws.

- An update on Insurance information was provided. The information is that we have general liability with no director or officer coverage. In addition, we have a terrorism policy.

6. **New Business**

- Margie Goergen-Rood proposed a plaque for Hillandale Park to recognize the efforts of designer Linda Komes and former council member Tom Hucker related to the park's renovations. The committee tabled the discussions.

7. **Announcements:** There were no announcements.

8. **Adjournment:** The HCA president adjourned the meeting at 8:55 pm.

**Next Meetings:**

General Public – February 2024 at 7:00 PM

Executive Board – March 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM