

## Meeting Minutes – September 2009

These minutes from our September 2009 general meeting were reviewed and approved by the Association.

Hiltonia Association General Minutes Wednesday, September 15 2009

The general meeting was held at the home of Scott and Margaret Mason. Approximately 37 residents were in attendance. The guest speakers for the evening were Roland Pott and Debbie D'Archangelo, representing the I Am Trenton Community Foundation, [www.iamtrenton.org](http://www.iamtrenton.org).

Roland spoke first explaining the vision of the I Am Trenton Community Foundation vision ending with the Foundation's overview. Information about the foundation was also distributed. He explained, as a community foundation, I Am Trenton is an independent 501(c)3 organization and raises funds that will benefit the people of Trenton. Debbie spoke about an upcoming fundraising event: A Capital Kickoff: I Am Trenton's Community Celebration of Trenton 1784- The Nation's Capital that will be held at the New Jersey State Museum on November 7, 2009. Both speakers encouraged residents to support the foundation in their efforts to better community engagement to make Trenton an even stronger community.

The General Meeting was called to order at 8:09 P.M.

Previous Meeting Minutes Copies of the minutes were distributed and adopted from the May 13, 2009 meeting.

Membership The Association has 177 members. New members signing up between now and the end of the year will be considered paid through 2010.

Treasurer's Report Copies of the report were distributed and read aloud by treasurer Bobbie Shelingoski. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

Welcome Wagon Nothing new to report

Children's Committee No formal committee is formed but we need groups of parents to organize children's events. Those interested should contact Marc Leckington, [marc@hiltonia.org](mailto:marc@hiltonia.org). Marybeth Barenborg and Anthony Lukas will host the children's Halloween party again this year.

Correspondence Nothing to report

Website Committee Brian Viehland is diligently working on the new website and hopes to have it running by the next general meeting.

TCCA Report • There is an open seat to represent the South Ward Council. The TCCA is looking to appoint a new delegate to represent Hiltonia. Meetings for TCCA take place on the second Thursday of each month. • Nominations for the TCCA awards can be viewed on their website.

Civic • In regards to repaving the streets of Hiltonia, nothing new was reported. • A break-in on Buckingham Avenue was reported. A person named Horace Hamilton was apprehended. Those in attendance were encouraged to continue to be aware of unusual activity and report crime to authorities.

### Old Business

Cross Street Right of Way Signage Sean of Traffic and Engineering will analyze the cross streets. He has asked that the residents be patient, they are busy with the stimulus funds. Don Wallar said he would talk to Mayor Doug Palmer again and Marc continues to place calls to the engineering staff.

Replacement street signs The street sign at Stuyvesant Ave. and Cadwalader Dr. was replaced.

Summary of the Garden Party, NNO, and the Yard Sale a. Garden Party- a thank you was extended to Phillip Stefani and Jeffery VanVelsor for hosting the event. Those in attendance included Rush Holt, Reed Gusciora, Mayor Palmer, and Annette Latirgue. b. Yard Sale- attendance was low. c. NNO- A thank you was extended to all those who helped. Approximately 100 residents were in attendance. 125lbs. of food was collected at the event and donated to the Mercer Street Friends and it was also mentioned in their newsletter. It was suggested that we could collect food at every general meeting.

Art All Night The association matched the base donation of \$150.00

Hilvista Repaving Project • Paving was promised back in spring. • It was suggested that we focus on one street at a time and push the city to insist they fix the curbs in the neighborhood. • Another resident brought up; if residents pay for their own curbs maybe they could receive a tax break in return? • There was a consensus at the meeting, by a show of hands, to write the City to ask that the curbs be replaced along with or before the road surface is repaired. • The corresponding secretary will draft a letter to the Dept. of Public Works from the Association expressing the resident's thoughts and feelings.

### New Business

a. Events to attend -Friday Night • Classics Used Books located at 117 S Warren St, will host a Scrabble game night, free of charge. • Gallery 125- will host a reception, Friday from 6to 9 P.M. titled Current Exposures. • Settimo Cielo located at 17 East Front St. will offer special discounts for Hiltonia residents.

a. Neighborhood Dinner The dinner will take place at the Trenton Kebab House located at 226 East State St. The Kebab House offers a vegetarian friendly menu and is a BYOB restaurant. Bea will circulate an email with the details.

b. Meeting Place and Party Hosts If anyone is interested please contact Irene Yostemski at 393-0280 for details.

c. Isles Isles is a nonprofit community development and environmental organization. Through the organization they have begun an initiative to start a Community Garden, in the Hillcrest area. The Hiltonia Association has written a letter to show our support.

d. Groups that would like to speak at up coming general meetings 1. After 3 Program 2. Police department- safety awareness 3. NJ Energy Clean Program (NJCleanEnergy.com)- improvements in energy

e. Train Station Advisory Committee Brian Viehland spoke. They have had 3 meetings; a public meeting will take place for residents to voice their ideas, concerns, and offer feedback. A flyer detailing information will come.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Coluccio