

Meeting Minutes – January 2010

Hiltonia Association General Minutes January 13, 2010

The general meeting was held at the home Patricia Flores. Approximately 36 residents were in attendance. The guest speaker for the evening was Detective Ellena Verasco the West Ward Community Affairs Officer from the Trenton Police Department.

Detective Verasco spoke to residents about safety in the home. She passed out and read tips on how to keep your home safe as well as a Home Security Inspection Checklist. Detective Verasco described her role as the liaison between the police department and the citizens. Her office of Community Affairs is where residents can call with complaints and if the office cannot solve the issues they will refer the problem to the police department. She reminded the attendees to be observant in the community and if something doesn't look right do not hesitate to call and file a report. Detective Verasco also announced that she is retiring and introduced the new Community affairs Officer for the West Ward, Detective Cynthia Hargis who passed out her contact information.

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:02 P.M. and began with the adoption of the 2010 Hiltonia Association Slate of Executive Board Officers.

Marc Leckington- President Bea Scala Fischler- 1st Vice President Elise Mannella- 2nd Vice President Bobbie Shelingoski- Treasurer Dawn Coluccio- Recording Secretary Michael Nalbone- Corresponding Secretary

TCCA Report Cameron Hunt, the President of TCCA spoke about projects, initiatives, and the partnership TCCA has with Isles. He outlined a few of the projects-The Weatherization Program and the steps to making your home more energy efficient, the Christmas Lights Program stating the contest will be back next year, Mobile Wheelchairs, and CARE. He explained TCCA along with Isles is trying to better the environment of the city by taking care of abandoned homes, cleaning up trash, etc. and they will work on prioritizing the needs. He ended by saying he is pro-active in the community and urged residents to call when they need help.

Membership The Association has approximately 35 paid members at the start of the meeting as reported by Bobbie Shelingoski.

Treasurer's Report Copies of the report were distributed and read aloud by Treasurer Bobbie Shelingoski and adopted. The February budget will be forthcoming.

Welcome Wagon Four new people have moved into the neighborhood and will be welcomed.

Children's Committee The Association is actively looking for people to work on a steady committee to help with the children's parties. During this segment Rochelle Ellis offered her home to be used for the Annual Hiltonia Easter Egg Hunt.

Correspondence Nothing to report

Website Committee The web-site committee is moving along and an interactive power point walk through is scheduled to be held at the Ellarslie Museum on February 11 at 6:30 P.M. During that time residents will be shown the features of the web-site and take/offer feedback. In the meantime, residents in attendance were encouraged to register on the new website at www.hiltoniaassociation.org where they can suggest improvements and make comments.

Civic Nothing to report

Old Business

Signage Project There is a working plan, the city has called to comment and has been proactive in our decisions. The plan will soon be formalized and distributed to residents to comment on. The plan includes establishing 16 yield signs to reduce accidents, signs on Stuyvesant Ave to be more reflective, and speed limit signs to be added.

New Business

Deer Paddock Project D&R Greenway Land Trust successfully received a grant to replace stream banks from the paddock to the canal. They want to establish a natural environment, take down the existing fence after the soil is tested, and are ready to begin at the first break in the weather. There will also be opportunities for residents to help in the project.

American Water's LineSaver Insurance Policy There have been some conflicting reports as to what the policy offers. Bill Merz has been in contact with the company and found there is no out clause for age, people have filed claims, gotten paid, and the company has been very accommodating. Another resident found that there are two different types of policies officered, one for indoors and one for the sewer lines. A link on the Hiltonia web-site to the American Water LineSaver Insurance Policy will be provided for more information.

New Committees Elise Mannella handed out information on new committees.

1. Event Planning Committee 2. House Tour Committee 3. Hiltonia Cooperative Investors

Elise detailed what each committee would involve and more information can be found on Hiltonia's web-site.

Other Business

West Ward Council Zachary Chester announced that he is running to be a candidate for council to represent Hiltonia in the West Ward. He asked for signatures on petitions so his name can be included on the ballot.

Mail Delivery Some residents have expressed concern over mail delivery, specifically not receiving mail or getting the wrong mail. It was noted that the post office changed from West Trenton to Downtown Trenton. The Association will research to try to fix problems and will email a contact phone number for all to call.

By -Laws A question as to where one could find the By-Laws of the Association was raised. A link will be provided on www.hiltoniaassociation.org.

Calendar

A Special General Meeting- Ellarslie Museum on February 10. The meeting will begin at an earlier time, 6:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Coluccio