

Meeting Minutes – May 2010

Hiltonia Association General Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by First Vice-president Bea Scala-Fischler at 7:35 p.m. at 123 Renfrew Ave., the home of Gene & Jackie Kutch. She presided in the absence of President Marc Leckington.

Adoption of minutes: Copies of the March meeting minutes were circulated, reviewed by members and adopted.

Chairpersons Reports: Membership: No report Treasurer: Copies of the report were distributed, read aloud & approved. Welcome Wagon: No report Children's Committee: No report Correspondence: Coresponding Secretary Michael Nalbone reported that a letter was sent to Trenton Animal Control stating that the association has not taken a stance against managed feral cat colonies, contrary to what a neighbor told that office. The letter also offered that office the opportunity to contact the association at any time to verify any claims that residents make about the association's position on this issue. Website: No report TCCA: No report Civic Report: No report Events Committee: It was reported that there will be a beer tasting at the upcoming annual Garden Party. Hiltonia House Tour Exploratory Committee: The committee met in May and received reports from Mill Hill, Berkeley Square and Cadwalader Heights about their tours. The committee will meet again in June and is looking at possible tour dates in April or May 2011. Hiltonia Investment Committee: Don Wallar reported that the group is still looking into how to structure an entity and process for neighbors to invest in rehabbing properties in disrepair in the neighborhood.

Guest Speaker Elieen Horton, vice-president for Strategic Transformation for Capital Health System, made a detailed presentation that included a video highlighting the hospital corporation's accomplishments and services provided to the community, as well as plans for the future, including improvements to the Regional Medical Center (formally Helene Fuld) and the construction of the new Hopewell Campus. She then made a Power Point presentation highlighting the above in much more detail and answered questions from the group.

Old Business: There has been no progress yet on the street sign project, but Hilvista Boulevard has been Resurfaced. It was reported that a runoff candidate's forum will take place on May 24th if the second place candidate is decided in time. If the second place candidate is not decided by May 24th then a possible option is to have a debate that evening on the Water Works issue.

New Business: Beautiful Trenton is working on a presentation on the Water Sale issue and will publish a printed communication of the arguments on both sides.

The West Ward Yard sale and West Ward Night at the Trenton Thunder baseball game at

Waterfront Park are both June 26th.

Ms. Scala-Fischler stated that at the end of the year some board members will have reached their term limits and the association will need new board members. Those interested should contact any board member.

Mike McGrath spoke against the water sale and took questions from the members. Don Wallar inquired about how to get information from both sides, as the voters are being asked to believe both sides. TrentonWater.com is a website that presents this position against the sale and trentonyes.org is the campaign in favor of the sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Nalbone