

## Meeting Minutes – November 2010

Hiltonia Association General Minutes; November 10, 2010

The general meeting was held at the home of Gene and Jackie Kutch. Approximately 60 residents were in attendance. The guest speaker for the evening was the Honorable Tony F. Mack. The mayor spoke to residents about four key points as well as answering questions from the audience. He hopes to promote and market Trenton as a historical and cultural city that people will want to visit and tour.

In Brief:

1. Public Safety-111 police officers will not lose their jobs; instead they will become more visible. The Mayor plans to assign them to specific sections of the city to hold them accountable of the area they patrol. Some officers in the downtown area will patrol on bicycle while some will walk the beat. In other sections, officers will be in patrol cars. The Mayor hopes to establish a rapport with citizens, having the police know store owners by name. Mayor Mack believes that police presence leads to apprehension. He would also like to have a Trolley Car that will take people on tour to historical points such as the Trent House, The Douglas House, Ellarsie Museum, the Old Barracks and ending the tour at the old Eagle Tavern. Plans for rehabbing the Tavern are in the works.
2. Recreation, naturalization, and cultural- The downtown Trenton is a priority and the mayor plans to beautify the area by adding new lighting, improving the streetscape, and is working with members from Thomas Edison State College. The college will make a blue print for the city to work from with the goal being to make Trenton a historically and culturally significant destination for people to visit. Another part of the mayor's plan includes the beautification of Cadwalader Park. He plans to clean up the park, adding landscaping all the while keeping Olmstead's vision in mind. New tennis courts will soon break ground and will be the largest youth facility for all to use. In addition the pavilion will be revamped and new playground equipment will be installed this summer.
3. Education- Mayor Mack, the City of Trenton and Children's Futures, recently hosted a Youth Development Summit focused on assessing after school programs in the City of Trenton. They hope to offer programs throughout Trenton which enrich and encourage renewed excitement in learning within the community. They hope to develop a master plan to help kids get back on track and keep kids active after regular school hours. Many churches have opened their doors and have offered free tutoring to the students. Also, the Mayor's office is working with volunteers from the College of New Jersey. The student leaders tutor students at the Hedgepeth Williams School and in turn earn credits towards their college studies.
4. Economic Development- creating jobs in Trenton. The Mayor's focus is rehabbing the vacant homes. Then he would offer lease options to those interested with the option to purchase the home thereafter.

Finally, The Mayor took questions from the audience. Questions ranged from paving streets in our community, speeding, holding landlords accountable for their properties, having places for children to go after school hours, more civilian input, to the question that was on most minds, our rising property taxes.

Mayor Mack patiently listened and answered each question. He encouraged all to contact the Mayor's office to voice their concerns he suggested that citizens email, Facebook, use Twitter, or write letters. Mayor Mack concluded his talk by stating the city's slogan... Hope. Dream. Do. How Trenton Makes a Breakthrough

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:08 P.M.

Due to time constraints many items on the agenda were tabled until the next general meeting.

Treasure's Report- tabled

Children's Committee- A thank you went out to Monique and Brian Vieland for hosting the Children's Halloween party.

Membership – The Hiltonia Association has 161 members.

TCCA- The organizations honored The Hiltonia Association at their annual banquet with the Civic Award for their part in the water sales debate and the Mayoral Debates. Hiltonia shared the honors with the Glen Afton, Cadwalader Heights, and the Hillcrest Associations.

Civic Report – Tabled

Welcome Wagon – Tabled

Correspondence – Tabled

Co-operative Investor's Group- a local church group is interested in investing; those interested in the group should contact Brian Vieland or Elise Mannella for more information. [www.hiltoniaassociation.org](http://www.hiltoniaassociation.org)

New Business

Trenton Small Business of the Year Award Congratulations went out to Levi and Myrna

Kushner for receiving the award for 2010. Levi and Myrna have owned and operated Budny Fuel Oil Company in Trenton for 48 years. Isles- will be honoring former Hiltonian Debby D'Arcangelo at their annual Spirit of Community Awards Dinner on November 18, 2010.

## Old Business

Cadwalader Park Stream Banks Restoration D&R Greenway Trust- volunteers from neighboring associations helped plant many varieties of new plants in the deer paddock on Saturday November 6. Diana Raichel representing D&R explained the plants will need to become established therefore the fence will probably not be taken down for at least 3-5 years. There are still opportunities for residents to help in the project most likely in the spring.

Hiltonia T-Shirts Shirts are still available for purchase. Contact Marc Leckington or visit the Hiltonia web-site for information. [www.hiltoniaassociation.org](http://www.hiltoniaassociation.org)

Other Business Trenton's St. Patrick's Day Parade Dennis Keegan was nominated as chairman of the Parade Committee to head the efforts to bring the annual St. Patrick's' Day Parade back to Trenton. More information will be forthcoming.

Executive Board The proposed slate of officers was announced and nominations were opened to the floor. The proposed slate is as follows with elections taking place in January:

Elise Mannella- President Susan Robinson- 1st Vice President Phillip Stefani- 2nd Vice President Jackie Kutch- Treasurer Margaret Mason- Recording Secretary Michael Nalbhone- Corresponding Secretary

Calendar: Saturday December 4- The Glen Afton Association will host a Holiday Wreath Sale, Santa visit, and Flea Market. Proceeds will benefit the Mercer St. Friends. Saturday, December 4 -Joyce Kilmer's Annual Holiday Craft Show & Gift Bazaar from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Saturday November 13- Red Bow Boutique, New Jersey State Museum-10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Gift boutique to benefit the museum more information can be found on the museum's web-site, [www.newjerseystatemuseum.org](http://www.newjerseystatemuseum.org) Friday November 19, 2010- Trenton First will honor Trenton's former Mayor, Douglas H. Palmer at its Tribute Reception 5:30- 8 P.M. at the Trenton Marriott. Friday November 12- Trenton Downtown Association will host Trenton 2Nite beginning at 5:00 P.M. Saturday November 13- The Ellarslie Museum will host an event titled Ceramics Invitational with an Opening Reception 7 – 9 p.m.

More information can be found at [www.hiltoniaassociation.org](http://www.hiltoniaassociation.org)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Coluccio