

**Mckenney Hills-Carroll Knolls Civic Association Meeting Minutes**  
**Capital View-Homewood Park Recreation Building**  
**April 28, 2009**

Tricia Steadman, President, with Board members Tingley, Randall, and Kaplan

President Steadman called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. She welcomed the larger-than-usual number of residents in attendance.

The minutes from March 24 were read and approved by consensus.

**Announcements:**

President Steadman and Vice President Tingley attended the Wheaton-Kensington Silver Anniversary dinner at the Hollywood East Café, and received the plaque for the Civic Association of the Year from the Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board on behalf of the MH-CK Civic Association. (Reinvigoration of the Listserve was a major factor.)

Dick Tingley passed around the plaque and other awards that were received:

Montgomery County Proclamation commending MH-CK for being the Civic Association of the year, signed by Chris Van Hallen.

An award from the Montgomery County Civic Federation.

Maryland Assembly Official Citation.

Beverly Sobel showed the Montgomery County Community Hero Award for commitment to volunteerism in areas of zoning and land use, an award for dealing with quality of life issues. This was largely because of the Maryland College of Art and Design, MCAD, matter: activism for preserving green space.

The Taste of Wheaton will be May 17. Beverly Sobel will have a table with eco-friendly rain barrels and other items.

The association e-mail is [mh-ck@hotmail.com](mailto:mh-ck@hotmail.com), the web is [mhckcivic.org](http://mhckcivic.org), and the home page gives information on how to join the listserv.

**Special Program:**

The speaker for the evening was Ryan Donovan, a realtor in our community. He gave an overview of the housing market in MH-CK and explained some basic terms, such as CMA (Competitive Market Analysis), KO (kick-out), GFE (Good Faith Estimate), and short sale. He provided several handouts, including *Tips on Getting the Best Return on Home Improvements*, which can be made available by request to the President. He said that days on the market dropped from 92 to 85 due to “expectations” and the low interest rate. Key to selling your house is 1. Price 2. Accessibility and 3. Condition. Rental demands are going up, and a bank-owned property could be a “heck of a deal.” He answered a number of questions at the end of his presentation.

**Reports:**

Norman Kaplan, treasurer, reported Income/expenses that will be posted on the Website for MH-CK. We now have 64 households with membership in the Ass'n.

He reminded everyone that dues are \$10 per year and can be sent to the MH-CK Civic Association, PO Box 2102, Silver Spring, MD 20915-2102, or online with PayPal, or paid at the door of most events sponsored by MH-CK Civic Association.

**OLD Business:**

President Steadman again listed the committees in place and called for volunteers for those in need of chairs. She provided a handout describing the function of each one:

Parks—Susan Heavey

Communications—Susan Heavey

Traffic & Safety—Dick Tingley, Chair

History/Archivist—the neighborhoods are 50 years old, chair needed

Social/Events--chair needed

Membership—chair needed

Schools—act as liaison—Dawn Krusemark, chair. This committee will be important as McKenney Hills is transformed back into an elementary school, scheduled to open in 2012, with the design phase beginning in 2009.

**Discussion for the good of the Association:**

Several members had not received the last newsletter. We should receive it quarterly. President Steadman will investigate.

Discussion was held about the stop signs at Douglas/Homestead and Dennis/Evans, as motorists don't even do a rolling stop much of the time. Traffic and Safety Chair Dick Tingley will look into the matter.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next meeting will be May 26 at 8:00 p.m. **Officer Patil** will be our guest to inform us of safety in our neighborhood and to answer questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Randall, (Secretary)