

Mckenney Hills-Carroll Knolls Civic Association Meeting Minutes
Capital View-Homewood Park Recreation Building
October 27, 2009

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

President Steadman called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

The meeting began with a presentation by Margaret (Mike) Peterson from the Second Chance Wildlife Center, which rehabilitates sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife for release back into the wild. The Center is located at 7101 Barcellona Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879 at 301-926-WILD.

Mike showed a number of pictures of the many rescued and rehabilitated animals and dispelled many of the myths concerning them and their care. She stressed that milk should NEVER be given to any wildlife, and that before we “rescue” an animal, we should make sure that it is in need of help. PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS ILLEGAL IN MARYLAND TO HAVE ANY WILD ANIMAL AS A PET. Foxes, raccoons, skunks, and bats are vectors for rabies, so be extremely cautious if one is overly friendly, call animal control. Roundworms can be dangerous to people, so cover sandboxes.

Mike brought a number of pamphlets with information about when to bring an animal to Second Chance. We may be able to put important phone numbers on our website.

Announcements:

*The Winter Blues Festival will be Sunday, January 17, the day before Martin Luther King Day.

*The next meeting will be November 24, with no special program because of Thanksgiving.

*Elections will be held January 26. Steadman has declined a second term, Tingley is willing to serve in that capacity, and Randall and Kaplan are willing to serve again.

Reports:

*Susan Heavey reported that there were over a dozen people who participated in the clean-up, with six students who earned community service credit for their help. The trash picked up included bikes, cars, gutters, and wheels. The spring clean-up will be April 24, 2010 from 10:00a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Susan stressed that with 501©3 status, we could get grants to improve the park.

*President Steadman reported that the Halloween Parade was a great success with 50-60 children and their parents in attendance. There was much positive feedback, but next year she needs help, it is too much for one person to manage alone, as she did this year.

*Beverly Sobel reported that the County Council Members have signed a letter to the Park Planning Board supporting our request for green space to replace the MCAD building on Georgia Avenue. A decision is expected in January, and Ervin is to meet with the College in the near future.

*Treasure Norman Kaplan reported that the budget was on target thus far for 2009 with a balance of \$1,624.24, with a few more expenses anticipated this year. He said that the budget was better than it had been for several years.

Discussions for the Good of the Association:

*The need to revise the current bylaws

*Advocacy as it pertains to 501©3 status

*Traffic issues: traffic calming, an official letter would be needed Susan noted the trouble spots that had been pointed out by residents.

*One half of the neighborhood has no sidewalks at all.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next meeting will be November 24 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Randall, (Secretary)

Down County Consortium Elementary School #29
McKinney Hills Reopening Project
Facility Advisory Committee Meetings

Oakland Terrace: Tuesday, October 27, at 3:30 p.m.

Woodlin E.S. Tuesday, November 10, at 3:30 p.m.

Oalkand Terrace: Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m.

These meeting are open to the public. Call 240-314-1008 for further information

The association e-mail is mh-ck@hotmail.com, the web is mhckcivic.org, and the home page gives information on how to join the listserve.

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.