

**McKenney Hills-Carroll Knolls Civic Association Officers' Meeting Minutes
April 4, 2009**

Tricia Steadman convened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. on April 4 at her home. Officers present were Dick Tingley, Vice President, Martha Randall, Secretary, and Norman Kaplan Treasurer.

Announcements:

The Wheaton/Kensington Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner will be April 22 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hollywood East Café, 2621 University Boulevard West. Tricia Steadman and Dick Tingley will represent McKenney Hills-Carroll Knolls and receive the award for Civic Association of the Year on behalf of the MH-CK Civic Association. Members of the Association are welcome to attend and may make reservations by calling 301-949-0080 or e-mail to wkchamber@wkchamber.org. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door and advance reservations are strongly recommended.

This award is due, in large part, to the reinvigorated Listserve for MH-CK.

Reports:

Norman Kaplan, treasurer, reported \$1781.77 in the treasury. Plans are underway to post his full report on the listserv.

Tricia Steadman gave an update on plans for the reopening of McKenney Hills as an elementary school. At present, the plans are for construction to begin in 2011, with the reopening in 2012. Dawn Krusemark is our Schools Committee liaison and she will be asking for a team of volunteers to attend meetings and report back to MHCK.

Tricia outlined her organization of the materials she received upon taking office, including the covenants and a few other historic items.

New Business:

It was decided to recognize the block captains at the next MH-CK Civic Association meeting, which will be 8:00 p.m., April 28, at the Capital View Homewood Park Recreation Building.

President Tricia Steadman suggested that we arrange for payment of dues on the website. She recommended that we use PayPal's Website Payments Standard, which has free setup, no monthly fees, and a transaction fee of \$.59 for each use. The advantages are the security of the site and the convenience, plus the transaction fee is scarcely more than a stamp. Many residents already have PayPal accounts, which makes it even more convenient. The Board found no disadvantages, so it was agreed to try the system.

Ryan Donovan, neighborhood realtor, will be invited to speak at the next regular MH-CK Civic Association meeting to discuss the state of the housing market in our neighborhood and the outlook for the future.

Joy Patil, Neighborhood Police Liaison, will be invited to our meetings, and when she can attend, to give a 15-minute report on activity in our area and advise us on the best course of action to take. We may try to do Neighborhood Watch Training, culminating in National Night Out.

Fundraising possibilities were discussed:

T-shirt sales, magnets, and bumper stickers were discussed. Tricia had investigated Café-Press for the T-Shirts and related items. On the plus side, you do not have to buy in bulk, the disadvantage is that they are expensive, \$20-22 for a T-shirt, and up to \$40 for a zipped hoodie. It was decided to wait on this project and try to think of items that residents need and would use.

Other possibilities included a raffle, calendars, baskets, and a “fishing pool.” No action was taken at this time.

Old Business:

Gathering history of our neighborhood was discussed. Norman Kaplan suggested a survey template. The neighborhood history could be included in the welcome packets given to new residents.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Randall, Secretary