

Mckenney Hills-Carroll Knolls Civic Association Meeting Minutes
Capital View-Homewood Park Recreation Building
September 22, 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 program on “going green” with presentations by two neighborhood experts in solar energy and environmentally friendly traditional and modern design: Kent Baake of Continuum Energy Solutions and Geoffrey Uyehara, of Crest Design.

Geof described the team effort and the ingredients needed for “green architecture.” Site selection must be carefully done to take full advantage of the sun to reduce our carbon footprint while considering how we wish to live and maintaining a comfortable life style. He showed a number of examples of creative designs that conserved energy with tankless water heaters, photovoltaic cells, use of local materials, day lighting, and planting gardens with native plants.

Kent strongly advocated energy audits (average cost about \$400) as a starting point for going green. We use some 20 million barrels of oil a day, 12 of them from other countries, mainly the Middle East. There is a finite supply of this fossil fuel, while the sun is an infinite source of energy that does not have to be imported. Solar water heaters have a fast return on investment (ROI) but other systems will pay for themselves ultimately and increase the resale value of your home.

Geof and Kent entertained questions from interested residents and stayed until after the business meeting to answer further questions. They can be reached at geoffreyuyehara@hotmail.com and www.ces-va.com, respectively. (Kent Baake will be opening an office near us soon.)

Announcements:

*President Steadman announced that the first meeting of the Down County Consortium for the McKenney Hills Reopening Project would be this coming Tuesday, September 29 at Oakland Terrace at 7:00 p.m. Meetings will alternate between Oakland Terrace and Woodlin Elementary at 2102 Luzerne Ave. (Complete schedule listed below.)

*The Halloween Party will be on October 24 from 3-5 p.m., and the park clean-up will be on October 25 from noon to 3p.m.

Reports:

*Norman Kaplan, treasurer, explained Income/expenses that will be posted on the Website for MH-CK. While we have funds on hand, most of them are allocated for

expenses, such as the newsletter, which will be out the last week of September. He is working on welcome packets for new residents in the neighborhood.

*Dick Tingley reported traffic and safety and answered questions regarding curb repair and new sidewalks. Renew Montgomery is the program that repairs curbs and sidewalks and we are on the schedule for that, though it has taken longer than anticipated. New sidewalks require more “legwork” from the Association as petitions must be signed by 80% of the residents on a street, but the funding is in place for such projects.

*Beverly Sobel gave an update on MCAD, stating that 4 of the 9 Montgomery County Council were in support of turning the property into an open green space. Nancy Navarro is now among those willing to sign a letter of support to the Parks Planning Board.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The next meeting will be October 27 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Randall, (Secretary)

Down County Consortium Elementary School #29
McKinney Hills Reopening Project
Facility Advisory Committee Meetings
Rotate between Oakland Terrace at 2720 Plyers Mill
and
Woodlin Elementary School at 2101 Luzerne Avenue.

Oakland Terrace:	Tuesday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.
Woodlin E.S.:	Tuesday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m.
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 listserv.

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.