

**City of Hempstead**  
**Commerce and Civic Association Meeting**  
Tuesday, June 17th, 2025

**Call to Order:**

President Cheryl Hardwick called the monthly HCCA meeting to order at 6:08 P.M.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:**

President Cheryl Hardwick gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Treasurer Raul Villarreal.

**Welcome Members and Visitor's:**

President Cheryl Hardwick welcomed the members and visitors to the meeting.

**Sign In Sheet:**

President Cheryl Hardwick asked everyone to please sign in showing their attendance and to sign up for the door prizes.

**Approval of the May 2025 Monthly HCCA Minutes:**

Secretary Katherine Ward made a motion to accept the May 2025 minutes as they were submitted and a second motion was made by Treasurer Raul Villarreal. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Approval of the June 2025 HCCA Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Raul Villarreal made a motion to accept the June 2025 Treasurers report and a second motion was made by Board Member Vicki LeBlanc. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

**Honor and Recognize Red Foster for his volunteer work and use of his flags for the Memorial Day Program for the last eight years:**

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Red Foster and the HCCA Board honored and recognized him for his volunteer work for the last eight years for the Memorial Day Program. Each year he has brought flags and put them out at the gazebo park. A picture was taken and the HCCA Board presented him with a gift basket.

**Honor and Recognize Carla Carfora for winning Miss United States of America Miss 2025:**

President Cheryl Hardwick introduced Carla Carfora and the HCCA Board honored and recognized her for winning the title of Miss United States of America Miss for 2025. A picture was taken and the HCCA presented her with a gift basket.

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual Watermelon Festival on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. HCCA could use some Volunteers for the Watermelon Festival:**

President Cheryl Hardwick talked about the upcoming 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Watermelon Festival and asked for volunteers to help with the festival.

**Old Business:**

No old business.

**New Business:**

No new business.

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the St Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at 811 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Hempstead, Texas.**

**Upcoming Events:**

- Juneteenth Parade and Celebration on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, parade beginning at 10:00 A.M. and the celebration is from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Hempstead City Park.
- Waller County Sheriff's Office & Ranch One One Five's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sporting Clay Tournament on Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Westside Sporting Grounds located at 10120 Pattison Road, Katy, Texas.
- Waller County Fair Bingo and Burgers on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Edmonds Hall at the Waller County Fairgrounds.
- Waller Area Chamber of Commerce Bingo Night on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Edmonds Hall at the Waller County Fairgrounds.
- 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Watermelon Festival on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025. You can sign up to be a BBQ Cook-off Judge by going to [www.growhempstead.com](http://www.growhempstead.com). Need Volunteers to help with the Watermelon Festival.

**Door prizes and refreshments served:**

The door prize winners were Liz Carfora, Christine Herbert, and Gloria Shrock and Refreshments were served.

**Adjourn:**

Board Member Vicki LeBlanc made a motion to adjourn the meeting and a second motion was made by Treasurer Raul Villarreal. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 P.M.

**Submitted by Secretary Katherine Ward**\_\_\_\_\_

**Approved and signed by President Cheryl Hardwick**\_\_\_\_\_