

MEETING DATE:

November 16, 2009

CALL TO PODIUM:

RESPONSIBLE STAFF:

Crystal Carr

AGENDA ITEM:

(please check one)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proclamation/Certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Appointment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic District
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy Discussion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Work Session Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

PUBLIC HEARING HISTORY:

(Please complete this section if agenda item is a public hearing)

Introduced	
Advertised	
Hearing Date	
Record Held Open	
Policy Discussion	

TITLE:

Reading of the Winning Essays from the City's National CHARACTER COUNTS! Week *Adult Heroes in OUR Community* Writing Contest

SUPPORTING BACKGROUND:

The *Adult Heroes in Our Community* writing contest was part of our National CHARACTER COUNTS! (CC!) Week activities. For the tenth year, we have partnered with Gaithersburg Rotary Club to offer this contest. This year we received a total of 114 inspiring student essays.

At the October 21st National CC! Week Awards Ceremony, we honored our contest winners, honorable mentions, families, teachers, and principals and the students had their essays displayed at the LakeForest Shopping Center from October 8th through 22nd.

This year's winners are from Gaithersburg Elementary School, Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, and Washington Grove Elementary School and are as follows:

1. Sharon Hui – Hero – 4th Grade Teacher – Ms. Knight
2. Kevin Merrell – Hero – Father –
3. Carrie Pett - Hero – Ballet Teacher – Solange Meetze
4. Gisselle Romero – Hero –Mother -
5. Heaven Jane Sabijon – Hero – Mother – Jane Sabijon

The students will now come forward to read their essays.

DESIRED OUTCOME:

Hear readings.