



TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

July 10, 2019

APPROVED 

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2019, at Historic Oakland Manor. Those in attendance were Board Chair Lynn Foehrkolb; Board Vice-Chair Joel Broida; Board Members Kirsten Coombs, Kevin Fitzgerald, Robin Hillen, and Dean Dworkin; Columbia Council Representative Lin Eagan; and Village Manager Jeryl Baker. Also present were Linda Wengel, Barbara Rudlin, Robin Slaw, Sandy Queen, and Howard County District 4 Council Member Deb Jung.

At 7:01 p.m., Mr. Broida made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broida made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to approve the June 12, 2019, minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Resident Speakout

Ms. Wengel requested a letter from the Board to Barbara Nicklas, General Manager of the Mall in Columbia, to reword a sign at Ring Road and Windstream Extended so that it would state "incoming traffic must yield to pedestrians." She also requested that the Board copy Philip Dodge and Deb Jung on the letter.

Architectural Committee

- 9801 Davidqe Drive (Creighton's Run): Deck replacement. **Ms. Hillen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to approve the application as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.**
- The Whitney at Town Center: New exterior light fixtures and new front door colors throughout the community. **Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hillen, to approve the application as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.**
- Waterbury Condominiums: Change of approved deck colors for community. **Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hillen, to approve the application as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.**

Order of Business

Little Free Pantry – Robin Slaw, Director of Religious Education, Unitarian Universalist Columbia

Ms. Slaw spoke about the success of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia's Little Free Pantry. They are filling it two times a day. They do not take toiletries, but occasionally some may be left there and taken. Most in demand for homeless are cans with pop-tops and food that does not require cooking. Children love the snacks. They don't do any publicity; just word of mouth has brought people to take advantage of this wonderful service. Mr. Broida suggested we reach out to the Kittamaqundi Church to see if they want to partner with us. He will contact them and get together a number of volunteers who would be interested in helping to plan and maintain the pantry. **Ms. Coombs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Broida, to form an exploratory committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

Conversation with Deb Jung

Mr. Broida requested that Howard County Council Member Deb Jung ask for a sign at the new crosswalk on Little Patuxent Parkway near Whole Foods, so that it would read "pedestrians have the right of way."

Ms. Jung is working on legislation for the following issues:

1. Banning temporary signs. The Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses and Permits is working on a modification to their current regulations.
2. A bill with some major changes to the Developers Rights and Responsibilities Act (DRRA).
3. An impact fee bill that will raise the school surcharge fee developers are paying. Howard County has the lowest rates in the state.
4. A bill put forward by Council Member Liz Walsh that will protect the Patapsco Watershed.

Board and Staff Reports

Board Chairperson's Report

Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, that the Board write a letter with regard to changing the wording on the sign mentioned by Linda Wengel during Resident Speakout. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Foehrkolb attended the July Downtown Partnership meeting where they talked about contracting with the consulting firm FoursSquare to update the Columbia Transportation Management Plan. Ms. Foehrkolb discussed the letter the Board previously wrote to the Hospital Administration, suggesting that as long as Johns Hopkins is in charge, they make the rules. Patient care staff are always the most important and the least recognized. Ms. Foehrkolb asked Board Members if they had any watershed-related issues for Town Center's Watershed Committee to report on, and no one did at this time.

Columbia Council Report

Ms. Eagan stated that the end of the Columbia Association (CA) Board's budget process was complete and they are now working on FY2022. The CA Board is working very hard to include Villages in their decision-making. Currently they are evaluating all the neighborhood centers and 163 tot lots. They are asking advice of each village board in the next few months. Stream stabilization is one of the major issues they discuss as well as the commercial industrial parks. Some CA Board Members are requesting that CA take over covenant enforcement of all commercial parks, since currently Howard Hughes does not seem to want to enforce the covenants or give them up.

Manager's Report

Submitted in writing. Ms. Baker reported that we now need a Board Member to sign off on each month's bank statements. Mr. Broida agreed to take that on. Ms. Baker will, at the request of the Board, send out a few dates in October so that the meeting does not occur on Yom Kippur. The Board also agreed to have another dinner before the August Board meeting to have an hour to socialize and get to know each other better.


Board Member Comments

Nothing further at this time.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion, seconded by Ms. Coombs, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting of the Town Center Village Board adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Historic Oakland Manor.

Recorded and attested to by:



Jeryl B. Baker, Secretary/Treasurer

8/15/19

Date