



**TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**

August 11, 2021

APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, both in-person and via Zoom virtual meeting due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic. Those present for the meeting were Kevin Fitzgerald, Board Chair; Lynn Foehrkolb, Board Vice Chair (Zoom); Joel Broida (Zoom), Jamie Hibbard (Zoom), Dean Dworkin and Clara Pino, Board Members; Lin Eagan, CA Representative; and Lyn Locke, Village Manager.

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Fitzgerald called the meeting to order. Mr. Fitzgerald asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Pino made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dworkin, to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked for comments on the July 14, 2021, minutes, and a motion to amend and/or approve the minutes. Mr. Broida made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion carried unanimously.

Resident Speak Out

We did not have any residents attend Speak Out.

Architectural Committee

- **Water's Edge Condo Association (5600-5692 Vantage Point Road in Vantage Point): Installation of four EV charging stations**
- **Ms. Pino made a motion to approve the application as submitted, seconded by Mr. Broida. The motion carried unanimously.**

Order of Business

- **Office of County Executive (Megan Williams)**
- **Board Retreat Update and Preparation**
- **Town Center "HoCo by Design" Update**
- **New TCCA Branding Process (New Logo: all types/media)**
- **Southlake Development Project (10285 Little Patuxent)**
- **Security Update**

Office of the County Executive (Megan Williams and Jessica Feldmark)

Ms. Williams reported on updates for the 2021 Town Center Board priorities: 1) Tree

trimming/removal along Vantage Point Road, Governor's Warfield Parkway and Little Patuxent Parkway that are obscuring driver and pedestrian signage have been turned over to the DPW to prioritize and trim/remove; 2) Howard County Police Department has been asked to add additional enforcement to address noise issues/racing vehicles around Town Center; and 3) the County is working with BGE to add additional Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations and supporting BGE's pilot program.

Ms. Foehrkolb asked that "No Parking" signage be put up near the entrances to Residence at Vantage Point (RVP), Waterbury, Glen Meadows, and Seville Square on Vantage Point Road. Currently workers from RVP park along VP Rd, sometimes so close to these entrances so as to occlude the visibility of oncoming cars at these exit points. Ms. Williams indicated that the County would evaluate that request.

Ms. Feldmark asked to clarify the Medium-Term priority for stormwater manage on HCPS sites. Mr. Locke said he would clarify that request. Ms. Feldmark's additional updates: 1) Symphony Woods: The County supports this project and funded \$115,000 for the Inner Arbor Trust and its conservation landscaping. Seating and interpretive signage are being added. Department of Parks and Recreation also installing a paved pathway in the park with EcoWorks. Ms. Eagan asked for additional County Funding. 2) Lakefront cleaning primarily handled by the Columbia Association. The County does clean Millie Bailey Park; 3) the County agrees that a vibrant Lakefront with restaurants and businesses is important; 4) the County is happy to support other programming in Town Center in all seasons and partner with the Columbia Association and other organizations to ensure a vibrant downtown; 5) the County will look in to a lakefront and/or Town Center Visitor Center which was discussed as part of the broader downtown plan; 6) additional crosswalks at Mall Ring Road (near Bon Chon and Twin Rivers Road) make sense and we will work with the Mall and Howard Hughes to evaluate; 7) a traffic study was done as part of the New Cultural Center and a broader traffic study is underway and the consultant's projections will be done by the end of the year; 8) more RTA stops will be added at the New Cultural Center/Artist's Flat (NCC) and route adjustments will be reviewed to better serve the Merriweather District; 9) a downtown circulator transportation system is still be monitored and is dependent on ridership and interest and demand from residents and employers; 10) County is working toward more affordable housing units in Town Center. Continuing to implement the affordable housing plan in new and upcoming buildings: Artists Flats/NCC, Juniper, and Marlow.

Board Retreat Update and Preparation

Mr. Locke reported that Mr. Tom Brush, Maryland Nonprofits consultant, has started Board member interviews in preparation for the Retreat on September 20. Mr. Brush will lead the focus group discussion during the Retreat and prepare the final report.

Town Center HoCo by Design Update

Mr. Locke reported that the next steps in the HoCo by Design planning sessions is around the end of August. The Draft Plan will be presented in a workshop series in-person and online to capture all residents' comments and input.

New TCCA Branding Process (New Logo: all types/media)

Mr. Locke reported that the branding and logo for Town Center needs a refresh. Mr. Locke has asked Howard County Community College if they want to be part of a Branding competition whereby students could submit designs to the Town Center Board and the Board would select the winning design.

Southlake Development Project

Mr. Locke reported that the pre-submission Site Development Meeting for the medical office building planned by Howard Hughes Corporation is August 31 at 6:00PM. The location of the site is at Lake Kittamaquandi in the back, lower Whole Foods parking lot.

Security Update

Mr. Locke reported that there were not any recurring major developments impacting resident security. However, there has been a few thefts of catalytic converters in around Town Center.

Board and Staff Reports

Board Chairperson's Report

Mr. Fitzgerald noted the following: 1) he attended a Downtown Partnership social event in mid-July; and 2) he reviewed the elevator plans for Historic Oakland and looks forward to the continuing review of the project by the Columbia Association and others.

Columbia Council Report

Ms. Eagan reported the following: 1) CA is reviewing all projects, programs and fundings; 2) CA is reviewing advisory committees; and 3) the FY23 Budget schedule is being reviewed.

Manager's Report

Mr. Locke reported on the following: 1) the Town Center Community Association audit report will be presented by the auditors at one of the next few meetings; 2) Lakey Boyd, CA CEO, will join us for the September 8 Board Meeting; 3) the Teen Board member will be selected by Wilde Lake High School sometime in September and join Board meetings shortly thereafter; 4) Vintage Car Show had 300+ attendees; 5) Craft Show marketing was sent out for November 13 and 14; 6) the COPT company will join Town Center for the Fall Weed Warrior and Planting Event; and 7) Dennis Matthey has taken over Kristin Russell's role at CA for Planning.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Broida asked if changes can be made to zoning requests from one use (commercial) to another (residential). Mr. Dworkin asked about the building of the New Cultural Center. Ms. Eagan asked when the Marriott hotel was opening.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mr. Broida made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dworkin, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting of the Town Center Village Board adjourned at 8:33 p.m. The Board immediately went into Executive Session. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, September 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded and attested to by:



Lyn Locke, Secretary/Treasurer

9/8/2021
Date