



TOWN CENTER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES  
JULY 12, 2017

APPROVED 

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, July 12, 2017, at Historic Oakland Manor. Those in attendance were Board Chair Linda Wengel, Board Vice Chair Joel Broida, Board Members Monique Augusta and Lynn Foehrkolb, Columbia Council Representative Lin Eagan, Village Manager Jeryl Baker, Assistant Village Manager Patricia Loeber, and Covenant Advisor Tom Mungo. Also present was Deb Jung, Howard County Council candidate for District 4.

**At 7:03 p.m., Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion, seconded by Ms. Augusta, to approve the agenda as amended to add "Approval of the June 9, 2017, Special Meeting Minutes". The motion carried unanimously.**

**Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wengel, to approve the June 14, 2017, minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. Ms. Foehrkolb then made a motion, seconded by Ms. Augusta, to approve the June 9, 2017, special meeting minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Resident Speakout**

No one spoke.

**Architectural Committee**

No applications.

**Guests**

No guests.

**Order of Business**

*Downtown Development*

Ms. Wengel reported on the Columbia Downtown Partnership. She described new businesses coming to the Mall in Columbia, including a Shake Shack restaurant and a bowling alley above Sears. The ongoing issues of trespassing and vandalism at Governor's Grant were also discussed.

*Action Items for Board's Strategic Goals*

The Board deferred discussion of its strategic goals on safety, traffic, playgrounds, and community involvement to a future meeting.

*Columbia Association Village Assessment Share Formula*

Ms. Baker described the new Columbia Association (CA) draft assessment share formula that was recently presented to the Village Managers. At the Board's request, Ms. Baker will draft a letter to CA with the following points: (1) consider adding a 2.98% raise for each year beyond the 2016 salary survey when considering salary expenditures; (2) distribute 100% of the current Contingency Fund balance to the Villages, since it is their money; (3) ensure that as a Village's population increases, the share increases accordingly and timely; (4) eliminate the 30% cap on cash reserves; (5) if it is determined that the Contingency Fund is dismantled, the Villages should not have to put any overages into it for FY 2018.

**Board and Staff Reports**

*Chairperson's Report*

Ms. Wengel mentioned that Twin Rivers Road at Ring Road will be the fourth intersection designated as "incoming traffic has right of way". Mr. Broida stated that he does not endorse right turns on red and that the crosswalks at the Mall need to be repainted. Ms. Jung noted that in canvassing other villages, she has learned that lots of people are concerned about Mall traffic.

*Columbia Council Report*

Ms. Eagan stated that the CA Board has started its 2-year budget process and that many of CA's amenities are slated for major renovations. She noted as well that the CA Board received a presentation on the Lakefront, although there has been no discussion. In her capacity as Chair of the Inner Arbor Trust (IAT), Ms. Eagan reported the following: IAT will approach CA about more funds for paths; IAT plans a Halloween event and other pop-up events; IAT may ask the Horizon Foundation for help with the cost of picnic tables around trees; the goal is to bring people into the park.

*Manager's Report*

Ms. Baker reported the following: she would like to begin giving the Board monthly financial reports; Oakland Mills and Owen Brown have had issues with broken and unsightly utility/cable boxes, and after the County was alerted, a reporting procedure was established; CA plans to replace all of the Columbia village and neighborhood signs over the next 10 years. Ms. Baker also presented an adjustment to the FY 2017 financial reports. **After brief discussion, Ms. Wengel made a motion, seconded by Ms. Foehrkolb, to approve the revised FY 2017 financial reports. The motion carried unanimously.**

*Board Member Comments*

Ms. Foehrkolb asked staff to tell one of Historic Oakland's renters to cease distributing fliers in the Vantage Point communities. Ms. Augusta informed the Board that she will need to resign from the Board because she is being transferred to Hawaii for her job. The entire Board thanked Ms. August for her service and wished her well in her new location.

**Adjournment of Meeting**

**Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion, seconded by Ms. Augusta, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.** The meeting of the Town Center Village Board adjourned at 8:22 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, August 9, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Historic Oakland Manor.

Recorded and attested to by:

  
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Jeryl B. Baker, Secretary/Treasurer

  
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Date