



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

*November 11, 2020*

APPROVED *J. J.*

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, entirely by a Zoom virtual meeting. Those present for the meeting were Board Chair Lynn Foehrkolb; Board Vice Chair Kevin Fitzgerald; Board Members Joel Broida, Dean Dworkin, Lin Eagan, and Jamie Hibbard; and Village Manager Lyn Locke.

At 7:01 p.m., Ms. Lynn Foehrkolb called the meeting to order. 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. Hibbard, to approve the October 14, 2020, minutes as submitted with the last-minute addition of the Board Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resident Speakout**

No one spoke. Two residents asked for Zoom invitations, were invited to attend but did not sign in to Zoom for the meeting.

**Architectural Committee**

*There were no architectural submissions for this Board Meeting.*

**Order of Business**

***NT Visioning Workshop Update***

Ms. Foehrkolb gave an update on Session 5 of the NT Visioning Workshop. She encouraged Board Members to watch the NT Visioning Workshop on YouTube. Joel Broida asked that the link be sent to all Board members which Lyn Locke did during the Board Meeting. Ms. Foehrkolb indicated she must review the draft policies of the NT Visioning Committee and respond by November 16. Ms. Eagan noted that the NT Visioning will not touch the Downtown Plan as that was approved recently by the County. Mr. Locke noted that the Committee expressed concerns about the political contributions to the County Executive and developers, the “walkability” of Columbia and the ease of getting around and, the long redevelopment process for the Village Centers.

***Juniper Annexation Update***

Ms. Foehrkolb asked for an update on the Juniper Apartment Complex annexation into the Town Center. Mr. Locke updated that Howard Hughes Corporation delivered the signed legal document to the Town Center, Mr. Locke got the Board Chair to execute the agreement and then the document was taken to the Columbia Association for consideration at their next Board Meeting. Once signed by the CA Board Chair the document needs to be entered into the County’s land records. The entire process will take another 30-45 days to complete before the annexation is final.

***New Cultural Center Update***

Ms. Foehrkolb gave an update on the New Cultural Center (NCC) and the Board’s call on October 27 with Pat Sylvester and Peter Engle. Mr. Locke also gave an update on the County Council’s progress on the project and the fact that Deb Jung, District 4 Council member, met with Orchard Development to ask

them to answer critical questions about the project. Orchard agreed to fund development of a Business Plan as well as fund a new Market Study. On November 16, the County Council will address the NCC issue and whether to move \$55 million from the contingency fund to the capital budget for the next fiscal year.

Ms. Foehrkolb noted that the former Village Manager of Town Center, Jeryl Baker, asked that the Board write a letter of support for the NCC project. After much discussion, the Board elected to leave it to the County Council to proceed with its due diligence with all parties and let the process proceed without further comment from the Town Center Board. There are still too many unanswered questions about the project to take a position.

#### *Grassroots Contribution Discussion*

Ms. Foehrkolb noted that Grassroots asked for a donation. Joel Broida made a motion to donate \$250.00 to Grassroots, the motion was seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Board and Staff Reports**

##### *Board Chairperson's Report*

Ms. Foehrkolb noted the following: she attended an Inner Arbor Trust (IAT) Meeting where Nina Basu presented a concept plan for Symphony Woods Park. All stakeholders were impressed with the concept. The IAT process was collaborative with all sides and opinions represented. Ms. Eagan thanked Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Foehrkolb for their support for IAT.

##### *Columbia Council Report*

Ms. Eagan said that the CA Board is involved in the New Town General Plan and budget process. CA Board has selected a nationwide search committee to search for a new president. CA sent out a survey for stakeholders to comment on what type of leader/president should be hired. CA needs a public face that can bring all stakeholders together. Milton Mathews, CA president, will present his new plan and budget on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Budget priorities will be reviewed, community input will be solicited, and the new budget will be passed by the end of February. Everything will be considered and reviewed including the possible sale of CA assets. CA Board has been meeting almost weekly recently due to the financial situation.

##### *Manager's Report*

Submitted in writing. Mr. Locke added that the ADA ramp project at Historic Oakland is underway with full scale construction beginning November 16 and ending by late December. He also noted that CA completed its annual building inspection this week for Historic Oakland Manor. Unfortunately, a ten-foot crack was identified on the second floor of Historic Oakland which will need to be repaired when CA's budget permits it. Speculation is that the heavy air handlers in the attic created the extensive stress crack.

##### *Board Member Comments*

Mr. Broida mentioned that he attended a Howard County State of Health Care virtual seminar that dealt with COVID-19. He also mentioned that Stephen Snelgrove, Howard County General Hospital CEO, is retiring. Ms. Foehrkolb mentioned that she went to the opening of Bailey Park and that it was nice.

Everyone wished each other a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Adjournment of Meeting**

**Ms. Foehrkoib made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting of the Town Center Village Board adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**

*Recorded and attested to by:*

  
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Lyn Locke, Secretary/Treasurer

Date 12/10/2020