



Town Center Community Association
Board of Directors Minutes

February 9, 2022

APPROVED 

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, 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; Jamison Hibbard, Joel Broida (Zoom), Lin Eagan, CA Representative and Clara Pino, Board Members; and Lyn Locke, Village Manager. Dean Dworkin (Absent). The Board was pleased to have in attendance Megan Williams Constituent Services Liaison, Office of the County Executive.

At 7:01 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. Hibbard, to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked for comments on the January 12, 2022, minutes, and a motion to amend and/or approve the minutes. Ms. Pino made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Ms. Foehrkolb. The motion carried unanimously.

Resident Speak Out

There were not any residents for Resident Speak Out.

Architectural Committee

There were not any Exterior Applications submitted for February.

Order of Business

- **Lakefront SDP Project Update: February 8**
- **Lake Elkhorn Mitigation Update: John McCoy, CA**
- **Election Deadlines**
- **Condo Presidents HOA Meeting Update: February 12**
- **Historic Oakland Elevator Update**
- **Security Update**

Lake Elkhorn Mitigation Update: John McCoy, CA

Mr. McCoy noted that one of the long-term goals of Columbia Association (CA) is to maintain the lakes and ponds as amenities for residents and guests. The Lakes and ponds serve as storm water management facilities. The volume of sediment reaching the lakes and ponds creates water quality issues, algae blooms, and plant overgrowth as well as erosion issues. The Lake Elkhorn Mitigation Bank RFP was issued in 2019 for engineering and consulting firms to submit proposals to create a stream restoration mitigation bank to reduce the volume of sediment in Jackson Pond and Lake Elkhorn. The project extends for approximately six miles. CA granted easements to Wetlands Studies and Solutions who won the RFP and did the Reston VA Mitigation Work and other work near Dulles Airport. Mr. Locke noted that Mr. Dennis Matthey, CA, reported that the CA Watershed Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support the project. Mr. McCoy indicated that is correct.

Election Deadlines & HB 93

Delegate Jen Terrasa gave an overview of HB 93 requiring candidates running for local offices of common ownership groups/communities (HOAs) to report contributions to their campaigns and what they spend their money on. She encouraged HOA/Community Boards to set their own reporting guidelines regarding money raised and set a threshold minimum for candidates

Mr. Locke noted that the election co-chairs Clara Pino and Dean Dworkin approved the candidate letter and packet for those running for Town Center Village Board or Columbia Council Representative. The nomination period opens February 11 and closes March 4 at Noon EST. The application will be available online on February 11 along with all other election details. The CA Board of Directors overview session will be on February 17. If there is a contested election the Candidate Forum will be on April 5 and election day is April 23.

Condo Presidents HOA Meeting Update: February 12

Mr. Fitzgerald noted that there is a Town Center Condo Presidents HOA meeting at Historic Oakland. He invited all Board members to attend to discuss issues related to the communities in Town Center.

Lakefront SDP Project Update: February 8

No comments to report.

Historic Oakland Elevator Update

Mr. Locke reported that he will testify on February 10 before the Howard County delegation regarding the bond request to the State of Maryland to partially fund an elevator in Historic Oakland to assist those that are mobility challenged.

Security Update

Mr. Locke reported that there were not any significant safety issues to report on in Town Center.

Board and Staff Reports

Board Chairperson's Report

Mr. Fitzgerald reported the following: 1) he toured the Merriweather Lakehouse Hotel with the Downtown Columbia Partnership and was excited to see the new dining and event spaces; and 2) he attended the Pre-Submission Meeting of the Site Development Plan meeting on February 8 for the Lakefront North Project and testified on critical issues such as pedestrian and traffic safety, and parking.

Columbia Council Report

Ms. Eagan reported the following: 1) CA is continuing with the FY23 Budget Process; and 2) the CA Watershed Advisory Committee voted to support the Lake Elkhorn Mitigation Project.

Manager's Report

Mr. Locke reported on the following: 1) CA will start putting in the more than 600 "bridge signs" along CA pathways; 2) The 3rd reported that their County permits were just approved and they will continue fund raising in February and are looking at an April opening; 3) Deck boards were replaced on the dock at Lake Kittamaquandi; and 4) Columbia Cleans will be March 26 at Lake Kittamaquandi from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Broida thanked the Office of the County Executive for sending the KN95 masks and COVID test kits to put in the Little Free Pantry. He suggested adding a phone number to the antigen test kit for questions.

Ms. Eagan asked if the Board would consider supporting HB 93 for fair and open elections. Fitzgerald asked for a motion regarding HB 93. Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion to support HB 93, seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mr. Fitzgerald asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Broida. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting of the Town Center Village Board adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The Board immediately went into Executive Session. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded and attested to by:



Lyn Locke, Secretary/Treasurer

3/9/2022

Date