



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

September 8, 2021

APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 8, 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; Joel Broida (Zoom), Dean Dworkin and Clara Pino, Board Members; Lin Eagan, CA Representative; and Lyn Locke, Village Manager. Jamie Hibbard (Absent). The Board was pleased to have in attendance Lakey Boyd, President/CEO of the Columbia Association as well as Megan Williams Constituent Services Liaison, Office of the County Executive.

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

Mr. Fitzgerald asked for comments on the August 11, 2021, minutes, and a motion to amend and/or approve the minutes. Ms. Pino made a motion to approve as submitted, seconded by Mr. Dworkin. The motion carried unanimously.

Resident Speak Out

Robert Fontaine, president of Lakeside condominiums at Town Center, attended to keep up to date on Town Center issues.

Architectural Committee

- **Waters Edge Condo Association (5600-5692 Vantage Point Road in Waters Edge)**
 - **Tree Removal Various Locations**

- **Mr. Broida made a motion to approve the application as submitted with the provision that "other plantings" go in their place, seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion carried unanimously.**

- **Governor's Grant Master Association (10201-10215 Rutland Road)**
 - **Install Landscaping**

- **Mr. Dworkin made a motion to approve the application as submitted, seconded by Mr. Broida. The motion carried unanimously.**

Order of Business

- **Veterans Memorial Update**
 - **Bob Gillette, President, Howard County Veterans Foundation**
 - **Lisa Terry, Manager, Howard County Office of Veterans and Military Families**
- **Board Retreat Reminders**
- **Town Center "HoCo by Design" Recap**
- **Southlake Development Project Recap (10285 Little Patuxent)**
- **Pedestrian Bridge at Columbia Mall (10314 Little Patuxent)**
- **CA Budget FY23: Village Budget Pre-Work Discussion**
- **MD HB322 on Low-Impact Landscaping (advising Board of change in law and need to review RAC guidelines)**
- **Wilde Lake Band Boosters Request**
- **Security Update**

Veterans Memorial Update

Mr. Locke introduced Lisa Terry and Bob Gillette for the update. Ms. Terry indicated that fundraising for the Veterans Memorial has resumed and its location is part of Millie Bailey Park. ***Bastards' Road***, a veteran's documentary, is being screened at the Chrysalis on Friday, September 17 and all are welcomed. Mr. Gillette discussed location selection for the monument. Mr. Gillette worked with Howard Hughes and Columbia Association to ultimately selected the northern end of Millie Bailey Park on high ground. The artist has begun designing the memorial and gotten comment from the Foundation and all stakeholders. Grant funding was received from County to finalize design. A State of Maryland grant received for \$350,000 to offset costs. Intend to have all components for the capital campaign ready by November 11 (Veterans Day) to get public comments via both in-person and virtual meetings throughout the community. The capital campaign will continue through late 2021 with the goal to complete the project by Memorial Day 2023.

Board Retreat Reminders

Mr. Locke reminded the Board to complete the pre-survey online sent by Tom Brush for the upcoming Board Planning Retreat on September 20.

Town Center HoCo by Design Recap

Mr. Fitzgerald asked for Board member comments on the HoCo by Design project. All agreed it is comprehensive and that participation in upcoming sessions is important.

Southlake Development Project Recap

Mr. Locke reported that the Design Advisory Panel Meeting on September 1 did not have a quorum and was rescheduled to September 22. Mr. Locke urged Board members to sign up for the September 22 meeting on the County website.

Pedestrian Bridge at Columbia Mall

Ms. Foehrkolb updated the Board on the proposed plan to demolish the pedestrian bridge and replace it with an "at grade" cross walk.

Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion to prepare a Board Letter to send to Brookfield Properties, the County, and their attorney, expressing the Board's opinion, seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion carried unanimously.

CA Budget FY23: Village Budget Pre-Work Discussion

Mr. Fitzgerald asked for comment on the Columbia Association CA FY23 Budget Pre-Work Survey. The Board agreed to provide comments to CA by September 15.

MD HB322 on Low-Impact Landscaping

Mr. Locke reported that Ms. Jessica Feldmark and Ms. Terri Hill introduced MD HB322 to encourage HOA's to allow more pro-environment landscaping that does not use extensive water and increase carbon emissions. Mr. Locke indicated he would send an invitation to HOA Boards for the September 21 meeting of the Hickory Ridge Community Association where the Ms. Feldmark and Ms. Hill will be discussing the new law.

Wilde Lake Band Boosters Request

Mr. Locke presented the Wilde Lake Band request for sponsorship. The Board agreed to review the request at a future meeting when all contributions are being reviewed.

Security Update

Mr. Locke reported that there were not any recurring new major developments impacting resident security.

Board and Staff Reports

Board Chairperson's Report

Mr. Fitzgerald noted the following: 1) the Artists in Residents event is coming up in the Merriweather District; 2) the Mall 50th VIP Reception is occurring September 18 and 3) encouraged everyone to complete the HoCo by Design survey.

Columbia Council Report

Ms. Eagan reported the following: 1) CA is reviewing the County's Budget and initiatives; 2) the path work in Symphony Woods by EcoWorks is progressing well; 3) the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra is performing *Peter in the Wolf* at the Crysallis; 4) there is an opera being staged at the Crysallis; and 5) the Hops and Harvest is coming in October.

Manager's Report

Mr. Locke reported on the following: 1) Mr. Locke hosted the Village Managers monthly meeting on September 8. Mr. Locke mentioned to Ms. Boyd that CA staff (Mr. Matthey and Mr. Mooneyhan) do an excellent job with their updates each month and 2) CA is: completing diversity, equity and inclusion training for all staff next month; purchasing a "fun vehicle" to access the CA pathways to pick up trash; repairing tot lots as needed; completing a lot of work in Symphony Woods, planting flowers in all villages the first week in October and completing the Manor Hall drainage project in Dorseys Search.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Broida mentioned that a large tree behind 5652 Vantage Point Road presents a possible safety hazard to the community and to report that to the Waters Edge HOA.

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 8:35 p.m. The Board immediately went into Executive Session. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded and attested to by:



Lyn Locke, Secretary/Treasurer

10/13/2021
Date