



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

*September 11, 2019*

APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at Historic Oakland Manor. Those in attendance were Board Chair Lynn Foehrkolb; Board Vice-Chair Joel Broida; Board Members Kirsten Coombs, Dean Dworkin, Kevin Fitzgerald, and Robin Hillen; Village Manager Jeryl Baker; Assistant Village Manager Patricia Loeber; Covenant Advisor Lisa Colavita; and Columbia Council Representative Lin Eagan. Also present were Andy Stack and Jennifer White. Before the meeting began, Ms. Foehrkolb recognized the anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001.

**At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Broida made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion, seconded by Mr. Broida, to approve the August 14, 2019, minutes as submitted. The motion carried 5 to 0, with Ms. Coombs abstaining.**

**Resident Speakout**

No one spoke

**Architectural Committee**

- 5600-5691 Vantage Point Road (Water's Edge): Tree removal. Following discussion, Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hillen, to approve the application as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- 9802 Claiborne Circle (Creighton's Run): Change lower level wooden deck to pavers. Ms. Hillen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to approve the application as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5657 Vantage Point Road (Water's Edge): Remodel front of house. Mr. Fitzgerald made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hillen, to approve the application as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

**Order of Business**

***Guest: Andy Stack, Columbia Association (CA) Board Chair Comments***

Mr. Stack made his annual presentation to the Town Center Board about the financial position of CA and a review of the activities of the CA Board of Directors and staff, including a recently adopted 5-year strategic plan. He discussed topics such as Haven on the Lake, the Fairway Hills Golf Course, Stonehouse, the Columbia Art Center, New Town Zoning, and the feasibility of adding an elevator to Historic Oakland.

***Little Free Pantry Update***

Mr. Broida updated the Board on his continued research into little free pantries. Ms. Foehrkolb reported on the meeting of Town Center's volunteer committee for the little free pantry. The almost-completed pantry was on display at this meeting, so that the volunteers could choose the finishing touches. The grand opening of the pantry will hopefully take place in early October.

***Q1 Financial Report Approval***

**Ms. Coombs made a motion, seconded by Mr. Broida, to approve the FY2020 first quarter financial report with variance explanations. The motion carried unanimously.**

***Merriweather Noise Levels***

Howard County Council Member Deb Jung will hold a listening session at the George Howard Building on September 12. Ms. Foehrkolb will attend the session. Mr. Fitzgerald suggested having a study of where sound propagates during concerts.

***Running Brook Pool***

The Board took no position on the Running Brook Pool schedule.

***Guest: Jennifer White, Horizon Foundation***

Ms. White described Horizon Foundation’s advocacy for bicyclists and pedestrians. Specifically, she asked the Town Center Board to join the coalition of organizations that support “Complete Streets” legislation in Howard County. Such a law would require the design of roads that are safe, convenient, accessible, and equitable for all road users.

***Donations***

Mr. Dworkin presented a list of charities that he compiled for possible donations. In response to specific donation requests that the Board received, **Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion, seconded by Mr. Broida, to donate \$150.00 to the Wilde Lake High School Band Program and \$100.00 to the STEM event.** Mr. Fitzgerald reported on the village board chairs meeting that he attended on behalf of Ms. Foehrkolb.

**Board and Staff Reports**

***Board Chairperson’s Report***

Ms. Foehrkolb reported that she registered for the Plan Howard Academy. **Mr. Broida made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fitzgerald, to have Ms. Foehrkolb draft and circulate for approval a letter in support of Howard County legislation for Complete Streets. The motion carried unanimously.**

***Columbia Council Report***

Ms. Eagan noted some priority issues that the CA Board will address, including the neighborhood centers, Fairway Hills Golf Course, and Haven on the Lake.

***Manager’s Report***

Submitted in writing.


***Board Member Comments***

Mr. Fitzgerald suggested that Ms. Foehrkolb and Mr. Broida take a copy of the 2015 letter from Howard County Executive Kittleman concerning Merriweather noise improvement to County Council Member Deb Jung’s meeting on September 12. Mr. Fitzgerald further suggested that they request an updated letter about Merriweather noise improvements for Town Center’s website and residents.

**Adjournment of Meeting**

**Ms. Foehrkolb 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 9:05 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Historic Oakland Manor.

***Recorded and attested to by:***

  
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Jeryl B. Baker, Secretary/Treasurer

10/3/19  
Date