



Town Center Community Association
Board of Directors Minutes

August 10, 2022

APPROVED 

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association (TCCA) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, both in-person and via Zoom virtual meeting due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic. Those present for the meeting were Lynn Foehrkolb, Chair; Joel Broida (Zoom), Lin Eagan (Absent), Dean Dworkin, Jamison Hibbard (Absent), Alyse Carter (Absent), and Clara Pino Vice-Chair (Zoom), Board Members; and Lyn Locke, Village Manager. Kevin Fitzgerald (Zoom), CA Council Representative. The Board was pleased to have in attendance Joanna Chen Constituent Services Liaison, Office of the County Executive, Shelden Richter (resident listening) and Mr. Osei Akoto and Ms. Stephanie Akoto.

At 7:01 p.m., in accordance with the TCCA By-Laws, Ms. Foehrkolb called the meeting of the TCCA Board to order.

Ms. Foehrkolb asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Broida made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Dworkin. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Foehrkolb called for a motion to approve the July 13, 2022, minutes. Mr. Dworkin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion carried unanimously.

Resident Speak Out

Mr. Osei Akoto joined resident speak out to discuss parking signs on Vantage Point Road. His daughter Ms. Stephanie Akoto also joined. Mr. Akoto wants several "no parking signs removed on both sides" of the road near Seville Square and Water's Edge near 5599 Vantage Point Road. Ms. Foehrkolb noted that additional signs on all of Vantage Point Road were set up for pedestrian and traffic safety because of accidents. Mr. Locke noted that the Office of Transportation walked the road to look at all signage and that it would take a few weeks/or months to evaluate the situation and make adjustments. Mr. Akoto said thank you. Ms. Stephanie Akoto noted that they received a parking ticket when parking on Vantage Point Road. Ms. Foehrkolb recommended that the Akoto's go to court to explain the parking situation that day in the neighborhood.

Architectural Committee

- **In Mr. Hibbard's absence Mr. Dworkin called the ARC meeting to order.**

- **Discussion occurred about Governors Grant Master Association and the property at 10222 Rutland Round Road (Replace wood deck with Trex). As the GGMA Board had not approved the owner's submission the ARC Board discussed tabling the submission.**
- **Mr. Dworkin asked for a motion to table the ARC submission. Mr. Broida made a motion to table the submission of 10222 Rutland Round Road to replace a wood deck with Trex, seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion carried unanimously.**

Order of Business

- **Add signer to TCCA Accounts (Clara Pino) and remove signer (Kevin Fitzgerald)**
- **Consider Installing Camera(s) in Ring Dove**
- **E-Scooter Corral/Parking Vantage Point Road**
- **Strategic Plan Goals Updates from Board Members**
- **Safety**
- **Lakefront North Update (if any)**
- **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Vote on Final Version**
- **Vantage Point Road (trees, parking, curbs)**

Add signer to TCCA Accounts (Clara Pino) and remove signer (Kevin Fitzgerald)

Ms. Foehrkolb noted that the Chair and Vice Chair need to sign checks for TCCA from time to time that are in higher amounts. As the new Vice Chair Ms. Pino needs to be added to the accounts and Mr. Fitzgerald needs to be removed as he is now the CA Council Representative for Town Center.

Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion to add Ms. Clara Pino as a singer to all TCCA accounts and remove Mr. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. Broida. The motion passed unanimously.

Ring Dove's Property Management Company Requested Adding Camera(s) In Ring Dove

Mr. Locke gave a brief overview of the vandalism in and around the Vantage Point Road area over the last two years. He noted that Ms. Pat Bates of West Property Management requested on behalf of the Ring Dove Board to put in cameras at TCCA's expense on Ring Dove Lane near Leaf Treader. Ms. Foehrkolb noted that Waterbury homeowners paid for cameras at their expense to protect their own neighborhood and that TCCA has never paid for any security expenses for any of TCCA's communities ever and this would set a precedent. Mr. Broida indicated that the individual neighborhood HOA needs to bear that expense and the property management company needs to assist in the process. He further noted that it is each condominium association to deal with their own issues.

Ms. Foehrkolb asked for a motion on the issue. Ms. Pino made a motion to deny the request to install cameras at Ring Dove Lane at TCCA's expense, seconded by Mr. Dworkin. The motion passed unanimously.

E-scooter Corral/Parking Vantage Point Road

Mr. Locke noted that the Office of Transportation is willing to put in a “parking corral” on Vantage Point Road for users to put their e-scooter rather than drop them along the sidewalks. Mr. Broida noted that the County could put in an “inlet” near the Little Patuxent Parkway bus stop slightly away from the pathways. Ms. Chen also noted that residents can call Spin at 888-249-9698 to have a scooter removed. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that Baltimore and Washington DC have been doing scooters for awhile and have similar issues. Mr. Fitzgerald also noted that it is a great way to get around and, that the results of the County’s trial program would be helpful to review. He also noted that there are parking corrals near the Metropolitan and the Mall.

Ms. Foehrkolb asked for a motion regarding a parking corral for a trial period. Mr. Dworkin made a motion for a parking corral to be installed on Vantage Point Road for a trial period, seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion passed with one abstention (Mr. Broida).

Strategic Plan Goals Updates From Board Members

Ms. Foehrkolb noted that the next Condo Presidents Meeting is August 11. Ms. Katherine McCarter is presenting from Yards Alive to reduce the amount of grass in communities thereby conserving water. She noted that Adopt a Spot will occur in both Town Center and near the Wyndham at Town Center Community in Banneker. Ms. Pino noted that Adopt a Spot will also occur in Creighton’s Run on Saturday, August 13. Mr. Locke noted the following: 1) the Highway Department came out to review all signage on Vantage Point Road; 2) the final DEI statement is on the Board agenda tonight for review and approval; 3) the last few Newsflash’s have had safety updates on use of motorcycles on Columbia Association pathways and in communities; 4) the annual community survey for Town Center was drafted and will go out before August.

Safety

Mr. Locke noted that the one vandal was recently sentenced to jail. Also, a few Type I (more serious) crimes have occurred in Town Center including stolen vehicles and catalytic converters. Ms. Pino noted the recent CA statement on “racially inappropriate materials being left” in the community. Mr. Fitzgerald noted that if you see anything inappropriate to call the HOCO Police. Mr. Locke mentioned that inappropriate graphics were removed from around the mall area recently.

Lakefront North Update

Mr. Locke noted that Mr. Robert Moynihan, Town Center’s Watershed Steward, has reviewed the Lakefront North plans for water usage to/from Lake Kittamaquandi to ascertain the impact of the development on the lake.

Diversity, Equity an Inclusion Final Version

Ms. Foehrkolb had one minor correction in the second line of the DEI statement. Mr. Fitzgerald agreed.

Ms. Pino made a motion to approve the change to the DEI statement as amended, seconded by Ms. Foehrkolb. The motion passed unanimously.

Vantage Point Road (trees, parking, and curbs)

Mr. Locke noted that in addition to what was discussed earlier that the County noted that the “red fire lane” curbs are the responsibility of the individual homeowner’s associations for those private roads that go in and out of their communities. Mr. Broida noted that the ingress and egress needs to made clear on the roads so that safety is maintained. Ms. Chen noted that she will follow-up with the Office of Transportation on where “red fire lanes” start and end in a community.

Board and Staff Reports

Board Chairperson’s Report

Ms. Foehrkolb noted that she did not have any additional updates.

Columbia Council Report

Mr. Fitzgerald noted the following: 1) the CA Board takes August off and there are not any set Board meetings; 2) he is on the Audit Committee and Inner Arbor Trust (IAT) Board; 3) CA is working with Tom Brush of Maryland Nonprofits, Inc. on a possible retreat and just finished Board Excellence training; 4) CA staff is working on their financial report; 5) the CA Audit Committee is reviewing the year-end financials; 6) CA has a lot of lakefront activities planned through September; 7) the Chrysalis and Symphony Woods are proceeding with concept plans and BGE is working with IAT on lighting for pedestrian pathways; 8) the Colonnade capital project at IAT will occur after the lighting project and 9) there are a lot of activities at the Chrysalis including “Yappy Hour” and concerts.

Manager’s Report

Mr. Locke reported on the following: 1) the CA staff is reviewing Fourth Quarter Year-End Financial Statements and will give us direction on the money due back to CA to be used for ecological projects in Town Center; and 2) attended the Columbia Speaker Series which was moderated by Ms. Lakey Boyd, CA President and CEO, along with Ms. Amy Gowan, Director of Planning and Zoning for Howard County and Ms. Jessica Bellah, Manager of Community Development & Real Estate Services. The overall message was to get involved in all development projects early and to especially participate in the HOCO By Design series as it is the foundation for the next Howard County General Plan. Ms. Gowan noted that there was only 2% vacant land in the County and the next growth being the Gateway area.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Broida thanked Mr. Locke for his proactive efforts and the quality of the NewsFlash.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ms. Foehrkolb asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dworkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting of the Town Center Village Board adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The Board immediately went into Executive Session. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, September 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded and attested to by:



Lyn Locke, Secretary/Treasurer

9/14/2022
Date