



Town Center Community Association
Board of Directors Minutes

November 9, 2022

APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association (TCCA) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, November 9, 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; Clara Pino Vice-Chair (Zoom), Joel Broida (Zoom), Lin Eagan, Jamison Hibbard, and Alyse Carter, Board Members; and Lyn Locke, Village Manager. The Board was pleased to have in attendance Dannika Rynes, Senior Manager of Media Relations & Communications, Columbia Association and Mr. Collin Sullivan (resident).

At 7:04 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 Ms. Eagan. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Foehrkolb called for a motion to approve the October 12, 2022, minutes. Ms. Carter made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Eagan. The motion carried unanimously.

Resident Speak Out

There were no residents that raised issues.

Architectural Committee

- No applications were submitted this month

Order of Business

- **Lakefront North Updates (if any)**
- **6300 Merriweather New SDP Project (Meeting November 21)**
- **New Cultural Center**
- **Strategic Goals Update**
- **Columbia Council Representative**
- **Safety**

Lakefront North Updates (if any)

Mr. Locke noted that the Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning gave Howard Hughes an extension until November 12, 2022, to respond to the County's questions regarding the project.

6300 Merriweather New SDP Project (Meeting November 21)

A pre-submission meeting will be held on November 21 at 6:00 PM at the Harriet Tubman Cultural Center per Ms. Foehrkolb. The proposed project is a 16-story office building to be located south of Busboys and Poets between the Juniper apartment building and the Merriweather Parking Garage. Mr. Broida requested a Zoom link for the meeting from Ms. Rashida George.

New Cultural Center

Mr. Locke attended the November 3rd virtual meeting on the New Cultural Center (NCC). The developer, Orchard Development, indicated the project was a few months away from permitting/starting. The project has launched a fundraising campaign to raise an additional \$7 million for the cultural center and \$2 million for the residential units. In total, 174 apartments will be available with 50% being affordable housing. The total project cost is 157.4 million with groundbreaking in 2023, Toby's Dinner Theater opening in 2024 and the resident units ready for occupancy in 2026. The NCC grand opening is projected for 2026.

Strategic Plan Goals Updates from Board Members

Mr. Locke attended the Howard County Multimodal Transportation Board Meeting and testified on E-scooters in Town Center. He mentioned that a county e-scooter survey is being done and the link is in the NewsFlash.

Mr. Locke asked the HOCO Police and Transportation Department to study the intersection at Little Patuxent Parkway and Vantage Point Road at the request of residents who have encountered speeding issues at that location. The Highway Department determined based on their study that they will not place a speed camera there but will put up additional "no speeding signs" before the traffic light on both sides of the road.

Mr. Locke referencing the Downtown Columbia Partnership Walk Study that is being done and that a survey link has been in the last few News Flashes.

Columbia Council Representative

On November 2, 2022, Kevin Fitzgerald, our Columbia Council Representative, resigned his position. As a result, TCCA attorneys were contacted to review our Charter and By-Laws to verify the process for nominating a replacement.

Based on the necessity to have someone installed with (1) knowledge of the CA budget process (which is currently being deliberated) and (2) knowledge of operating process and procedures, Lin Eagan would be the most appropriate choice at this time. Ms. Eagan gave up that position at the end of her term this past April and accordingly has current CA BOD experience. Ms. Eagan agreed she would be willing to accept the position.

Ms. Foehrkolb then put forth Ms. Eagan as Town Center's nominee to fulfill Town Center's Columbia Council Representative position through April 30, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Broida. After Board discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Foehrkolb thanked Ms Eagan for her willingness to step up to the position which she will hold through April 2024 once installed.

Safety

Mr. Locke reported that it has been quiet in Town Center for the last few weeks in terms of crime. Ms. Eagan noted that there was a ring arrested for catalytic converter thefts recently.

Board and Staff Reports

Board Chairperson's Report

Ms. Foehrkolb mentioned that the next Downtown Columbia Partnership meeting is on November 16. She also confirmed her appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals for Howard County. Ms. Foehrkolb encouraged Board members to attend the upcoming Craft Show on Saturday and any upcoming events at Historic Oakland to show active public engagement.

Columbia Council Report

None submitted due to Mr. Fitzgerald's resignation on November 2.

Manager's Report

Mr. Locke reported that he participated in a downtown Columbia tour for the University of Maryland School of Architecture that included presentations by Mr. Greg Fitchitt, Mr. Ken Uhlman, Ms. Nina Basu, and Mr. Kevin Fitzgerald.

Mr. Locke reported that he spoke with Howard Hughes about the Marlow annexation and indicated that their legal department will draft the documents when the project is near completion.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Broida noted that K95 masks were put in the Little Free Library and the Little Free Pantry. He also made positive comments about the weekly NewsFlash.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ms. Foehrkolb asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Broida made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Eagan. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting of the Town Center Village Board adjourned at 7:47 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded and attested to by:



Lyn Locke, Secretary/Treasurer

12/14/2022
Date