



Town Center Community Association
Board of Directors Minutes

February 8, 2023

APPROVED 

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association (TCCA) Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, in-person and virtually via Zoom. Those present for the meeting were Lynn Foehrkolb, Chair; Clara Pino Vice-Chair, Joel Broida (Zoom), Dean Dworkin, Lin Eagan, Jamison Hibbard, Alyse Carter, Board Members; and Lyn Locke, Village Manager. The following residents attended: Larry Akinyooyee, Dedrick Asante-Muhammad, and Collin Sullivan. The following spoke at Resident Speak out: Matta Zeinali, Wilde Lake High School PTA President and Bess Caplan, Running Brook Elementary School PTA President.

At 6:18 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. Hibbard made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Foehrkolb called for a motion to approve the January 11, 2022, minutes. Mr. Dworkin made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Interviews/Appointment for One Open Position

The Board interviewed the following three candidates for the open Village Board position to fulfill the term of the resigning member from February 8, 2023 to April 30, 2024:

- Collin Sullivan
- Dedrick Asante-Muhammad
- Larry Akinyooyee

Following the interviews the Board completed an anonymous ballot to appoint a new Board member. Mr. Akinyooyee was appointed.

Resident Speak Out: Two Columbia residents attended Speak Out to discuss their school needs. Ms. Matta Zeinali, Wilde Lake High School PTSA President, discussed Wilde Lake High School's sponsorship needs for programs such as senior celebrations, After Prom events and student door prizes, and presented a letter requesting a donation of \$1000 or more to support the 2022/2023 school term.

Bess Caplan, Running Brook PTSA President discussed the school's fundraising needs. She

mentioned that Town Center's donation last year was used for their STEM Day. She indicated that it was well received with excellent turnout. She indicated this year's needs are funds for STEM Day in the Fall, their Spring Fair, and an upcoming multi-cultural day. The State of Maryland STEM Festival is supporting their STEM program along with many other partners.

Architectural Committee

Mr. Hibbard called the ARC meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dworkin made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Carter and the motion carried unanimously.

- **9827 Davidge Drive (Creighton's Run Off R108): Install Rain Garden**

Ms. Carter made a motion to approve the application for the Rain Garden, seconded by Mr. Dworkin. The motion carried unanimously.

Order of Business

- **Town Center Senior Advisory Committee Selection Approval**
- **Chamber of Commerce Sponsorship Proposal**
- **Donation Discussion**
- **Pedestrian Bridge Discussion**
- **Strategic Goals Updates (Board Members and VM)**
- **Safety**

Town Center Senior Advisory Committee

Mr. Locke noted that there was one qualified submission to represent Town Center on the Columbia Association (CA) Senior Advisory Committee.

Ms. Foehrkolb asked for a motion to select Marianne Beauchamp as the Town Center representative to the CA Senior Advisory Committee. Ms. Carter made a motion to approve Ms. Beauchamp, seconded by Ms. Pino and the motion carried unanimously.

Chamber of Commerce Sponsorship

Mr. Hibbard mentioned that he met with Mr. Locke to review the extensive sponsorship opportunities with the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Hibbard proposed that Historic Oakland become a "Supporting Partner" as defined by the Chamber's sponsorship program.

Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion to become a "Supporting Partner" of the Chamber at \$1,650 per year, seconded by Ms. Pino and the motion carried unanimously.

Donation Discussion

Mr. Locke asked how the Board would like to proceed with donations for the current fiscal year. Ms. Carter suggested a formal process for organizations to apply for each year, assuring an "equal shot at receiving contributions". Ms. Foehrkolb asked for a donation list from prior years. Mr. Locke indicated that he would send out the donation list and work on a more formal TCCA contribution process.

Pedestrian Bridge Discussion

Ms. Foehrkolb noted that the County recommended tearing down the LPP pedestrian bridge down but no updated plan for a crosswalk has been proposed for that area since the original pre-submission community meeting. Mr. Locke indicated that he would ask HOCO DPZ to attend the next TCCA Board Meeting to discuss the issue. He also agreed to ask Brookfield Properties what their plan was for the bridge.

Strategic Plan Goals Update from Board Members

Ms. Carter attended the “Bark Social” pre-submission community meeting to put in a temporary dog park, bar, and restaurant in the parking lot near Merriweather Post Pavilion and Little Patuxent Parkway. She reported that 60% of County residents own a dog and Howard Hughes reported that a little over 60% of renters in Town Center have dogs. The spot allows for 80 parking spots. The contract between Howard Hughes Corporation and Bark Social is for a minimum of three-years. The site is slated for an office building at some point in the future.

Safety

Mr. Locke reported that there were no major safety issues in Town Center to report since the last Board Meeting. Mr. Hibbard noted we should promote the fact that Town Center is safe.

Board and Staff Reports

Board Chairperson’s Report

Ms. Foehrkolb reported that the Downtown Columbia Partnership meeting was moved to later in February.

Columbia Council Report

Ms. Eagan mentioned that CA is proceeding with hiring an Interim CEO. The FY2024 CA draft budget does not include any village projects. The Historic Oakland elevator is not listed in the CA draft budget. CA will also revisit the Columbia Community Foundation issue regarding grants.

Manager’s Report

Mr. Locke reported on the Feb. 8 Village Managers’ Meeting attended by CA staff. He requested that CA produce an updated list on all capital projects for all villages and distribute that on a regular basis indicating what was completed and was not, regardless of priority level. Dennis Matthey indicated that he would get back to the villages with an update.

Board Member Comments

There were no additional comments.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ms. Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hibbard. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded and attested to by:



Lyn Locke, Secretary/Treasurer

3/8/2023
Date