



Town Center Community Association
Board of Directors Minutes

April 12, 2023

APPROVED

The regular meeting of the Town Center Community Association (TCCA) Board of Directors was called to order on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. by the Chairperson in accordance with the TCCA By-laws. In attendance were:

Board Members

Lynn Foehrkolb, Chair

Clara Pino, Vice-Chair

Larry Akinyooye

Joel Broida (Zoom)

Alyse Carter

Lyn Locke, Village Manager

Dean Dworkin and Jamison Hibbard were absent for this meeting.

Guest Presenters

Tonya Aikens, President/CEO of Howard County Library System

Jeremy Scharfenburg, Director of Sustainability, Columbia Association (via Zoom)

Brady Greer, Real Estate Services Program Administrator, Columbia Association (via Zoom)

Residents

Collin Sullivan (via Zoom)

Ms. Foehrkolb called for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Broida made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Pino, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Foehrkolb called for a motion to approve the March 8, 2022, minutes. Ms. Pino made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Broida. Mr. Akinyooye asked that his attendance be noted in those minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Architectural Committee

Ms. Pino called the ARC meeting to order and reviewed the following applications:

- 4810 Leaf Treader Way (Lake Kittamaquandi Church): Install a Little Free Library for kids.
- 5424 Smooth Meadow Way (Woodford C): Install a new deck.

Ms. Pino called for a motion to approve the application as submitted for 4810 Leaf Treader Way. Ms. Carter made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Akinyooye, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pino made a motion to approve 5424 Smooth Meadow Way subject to the Woodford C Board

approving the submission. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carter and the motion carried unanimously.

Order of Business

- **HOCO Library: Tonya Aikens, CEO, (5-10 minutes)**
- **CA Pathway Lighting: Jeremy Scharfenburg, Director of Sustainability**
- **FY2024 Budget**
- **Donations (30 minutes)**
- **Strategic Goals Updates (Board Members and VM) (5-10 minutes)**
- **Safety (1-3 minutes)**
- **CA Updates: Brady Greer, Real Estate Services Program Administrator (5 Minutes)**

HOCO Library: Tonya Aikens, CEO

Ms. Aikens gave a presentation on the proposed new Library at the Lakefront to replace the existing Central Library in Town Center. She noted that Governor Wes Moore, County Executive Dr. Calvin Ball, and others were at the press announcement at Lake Kittamaquandi on March 30. She noted that the project was designed by well-known architect firm Heatherwick Studio and that the project needs County Council support of the nearly \$150 million in total funding. She noted that the library is holding Listening Sessions for the community from April 11-19 to get input from the broader Columbia community.

Ms. Eagan commented on the architect selected and asked about the library funding. Ms. Aikens commented that the funding is expected over several years (2024-2027) through GEO bonds, grant funding, TIFF funding (\$80 million) and personal/corporate philanthropy (\$10 million).

Ms. Foehrkolb asked about parking. Ms. Aikens commented that underground parking will be installed, it will have at least as many spaces as the current overground parking lot, and extensive parking studies are planned.

Mr. Akinyooye asked about the start and completion dates and whether there would be resources for kids like computers and printers. Ms. Aikens indicated that design/planning would begin in FY2024, and construction would continue through 2027. She noted that there would be a lot of resources for children, e.g., podcast rooms, maker spaces, laptops to borrow and much more.

CA Pathway Lighting: Jeremy Scharfenburg, Director of Sustainability

Mr. Scharfenburg discussed the BGE and Columbia Association proposals to add lighting to the Lake Kittamaquani pathway network to connect Lake Kitt to Wilde Lake. Mr. Scharfenburg answered Board questions regarding the memo that was distributed. He noted that the length of the pathway section was ½ mile long.

Ms. Foehrkolb asked about the height of the lights, and whether it would be down lighting. Mr. Scharfenburg indicated they would be about 12' tall and have down lighting. Ms. Foehrkolb noted that the paths are closed from dusk to dawn. Mr. Scharfenburg indicated that the lights would be like Kennedy Gardens and be lit overnight. Mr. Scharfenburg noted that the lighting would deter nefarious uses and keep people safer as they have demonstrated by adding lighting at other CA properties.

Mr. Broida noted that HOCO Police need to be more active on the CA pathways.

Mr. Akinyooye asked if CA/BGE pathway lights could be added near the Banneker/Wyndham pathway system near the tot lot (near Little Patuxent and Broken Land Parkway). Mr. Scharfenburg indicated that he would explore that proposal with CA Open Space.

FY2024 Budget

Mr. Locke presented the FY2024 Budget and discussed donations, painting and general expense and revenue categories. He answered Board questions on the FY2023 year-end estimate versus the budget.

After much discussion, Ms. Pino made a motion to approve the FY2024 Budget. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carter, and was carried unanimously.

Donations

The Board discussed all donation request submissions.

Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion to donate the following amounts to local organizations:

- **The 3rd: \$1,000.00**
- **Village in Howard: \$500.00**
- **Citizenship Award at Wilde Lake High School: \$500.00**
- **Grassroots: \$750.00**
- **Luminous Network: \$500.00**
- **Inner Arbor Trust: \$850.00**
- **Community Action Council: \$750.00**
- **Muslim Family Center: \$200.00**
- **Lake Kittamaquandi Church: \$250.00**
- **Howard County Center for African American Culture: \$200.00**

The motion was seconded by Ms. Pino. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Akinyooye recommended that we create a scholarship or sponsorship for kids for a program (CA, school) that we would allocate each year for kids. The Board liked the idea and Ms. Carter agreed to work with Mr. Akinyooye to develop the program.

CA Updates: Brady Greer, Real Estate Services Program Administrator

Ms. Greer updated the Board on the following:

- Lakefront North easements were approved at the last CA Board Meeting
- The Medical Office Project is under construction
- Bark Social is coming to the Crescent,
- CA completed an invasive plants seminar
- Lakefront Live is continuing this summer

Ms. Foehrkolb noted that some Vantage Point residents are requesting resurfacing of the tennis courts as it is actively used by pickleball players and do not appear to be holding up as well as the Owen Brown court resurfacing. She also asked that the lock at the courts be repaired. Ms. Greer indicated that she would investigate the requests.

Strategic Goals Updates (Board Members and VM)

Ms. Carter indicated that she starts Plan Howard next week. She also commented that she will be giving testimony at the upcoming County Council session regarding her appointment to the Downtown Columbia Partnership Board.

Safety

Mr. Locke indicated that there were a few incidents in parts of Town Center. He mentioned that he continues to work with Kettler and others in the community on various safety issues. Ms. Carter commented that she is drafting a letter and developing a plan to send to community stakeholders regarding the Metropolitan issues.

Board and Staff Reports

Board Chairperson’s Report

Ms. Foehrkolb chaired the recent Condo Board Presidents Meeting on April 6. It was well attended, and the next meeting is scheduled for July. A CA Adopt-a-Spot project at the Banneker and Wyndham communities will have its first session on Friday, April 14, where a section of land will be refurbished with native species. Ms. Foehrkolb attended the Lakefront North FDP hearing at the Planning Board April 11 and noted: a year old traffic study was presented as in compliance for the project that indicated the number of car trips decreased by one half; there appears to be a dispute over parking covenants for the Kincaid building; storm water issues were discussed; the planned roads inside the project were changed to make better sense of movement and green spaces.

Columbia Council Report

Ms. Eagan mentioned that the CA Board is wrapping up the year, the Lake Elkhorn Stream Restoration Project continues to be discussed, Board governance is being reviewed, new committees may be established (Strategic and Oversight), the 2019 Strategic Plan will be updated, the ethics policy will be reviewed, and the CEO search will continue with the new Board

Manager’s Report

Mr. Locke presented the painting estimates for Historic Oakland.
Ms. Pino made a motion to approve painting the interior of Historic Oakland, seconded by Ms. Carter. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Pino thanked the Board for being part of the group for two years. She enjoyed her community service and wishes the Board well. All Board members applauded and acknowledged her contributions.

There being no further business, Ms. Foehrkolb made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Carter. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. The Board immediately went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The next scheduled meeting of the Town Center Village Board will be Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded and attested to by:



Lyn Locke, Secretary/Treasurer

5/3/2023
Date