

LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Ed Coleman, at 7:31 pm Tuesday, January 21, 2020 in the Martin Luther King Jr. Conference Room, at Stonehouse. Other members present were Reginald Avery, Josh Friedman, and David Wissing. Also present were Janet Evans, CA Council Rep, Tina Addo, Administrator, and Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The December 17, 2019 minutes were approved by consensus.

Avery motioned to amend the agenda to move Tamar Drive & Old Montgomery Roundabout, item E, and Committee Reports, item H, between items C and F, which was approved by consensus.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT – 2-minute limit per resident

Resident, Ms. Joan Bowe, made a suggestion to hold Board meetings only once a month to save Board members' valuable time, increase resident attendance with a more meaningful agenda, and create more interest in serving on the Village Board.

TAMAR DRIVE & OLD MONTGOMERY ROUNDABOUT

Yan Zhan, Project Manager, Department of Public Works and Jennifer Biddle, P.E. Chief, Traffic Engineering Division provided the Board with an update on the installation of a roundabout at Tamar Drive and Old Montgomery Road. Ms. Biddle explained that the county redesigned the roundabout to maximize stormwater filtration and reduce the environmental impact. Construction is projected to start in the summer of 2020 and take 6-8 weeks.

Avery expressed concern about the dangerous intersection and the need to complete the project timely. Coleman requested the county share more information about the traffic study and project at the upcoming Board work session scheduled for February 18, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Watershed Advisory Committee- Ted Wolfe, Operations Director, Howard EcoWorks, gave an overview of the non-profit's newest campaign, "Soak It Up." In collaboration with the Long Reach Watershed Advisory Committee (WAC) and partnership with the LRVB, Howard EcoWorks will work with Long Reach Homeowner Associations (HOAs) to assess, design, and install stormwater projects to mitigate existing stormwater issues. EcoWorks goal is to install 4-5 projects in the summer of 2020. Mr. Wolfe requested financial commitment from LRVB to incentivize the projects. Friedman motioned to allocate four grants of \$250 each that individual neighborhood HOAs can apply for. Board discussion ensued. Friedman amended initial motion to earmark, without allocating yet, \$1,000 for Long Reach HOAs wishing to work with EcoWorks on stormwater mitigation projects. Seconded. Approved 4-0-0.
Mandy Elder, WAC member, mentioned that the WAC will be making suggestions for watershed-friendly verbiage to include in the Long Reach Architectural Guideline revisions. The WAC is also planning a few resident events: invasive plant pulling, frog night, and a few watershed walking tours.
- Election Committee-Friedman moved to appoint Basu and Avery to the 2020 Long Reach Village Election Committee. Seconded. Approved 4-0-0. Friedman moved to nominate Evans to the 2020 Long Reach Village Election Committee. Seconded. Approved 4-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Addo provided the LRVB with correspondence, which are attached to the original minutes.

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

The Board discussed the recent meeting between Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors, Village Managers and Village Boards regarding the future of Columbia's neighborhood centers. Evans mentioned that the CA Board has not met since the joint meeting.

LONG REACH VILLAGE CENTER

The Board discussed the county's suggested tenant list for the Village Center. The Board expressed concern that the proposed tenant mix will not attract enough people to the Village Center.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Basu had no comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

Friedman stated that the agenda was very full, which resulted in a lengthy meeting. He suggested a little more agenda discipline to allow adequate time to make a good decision.

Coleman mentioned that he conversed with Renee DuBois, River Hill Columbia Council Representative, about a swimming program for low-income youth in Columbia that will teach children to swim and provide opportunities to join CA's competitive swim league. He thought the program might be a good fit at Locust Park pool. He will keep the board apprised of the program's development.

CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Evans had no comments.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Addo provided updates, which are attached to the original minutes.

FY2020 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Avery motioned to accept the FY2020 2nd Quarter Financial Statements. Seconded. Approved 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Ed Coleman, Vice Chair

Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary