

LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING Minutes
February 21, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Nina Basu, Chair, at 7:33pm Tuesday, February 7, 2017 in the Conference Room at Stonehouse. Other members present were Ed Coleman, Karen Hitcho and Bill Taylor. Also present was Janet Evans, CA Representative; Sarah Uphouse, Administrator and Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda and minutes from February 7, 2017 was approved by consensus.

CA SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sharonlee Vogel, Chair, CA Senior Advisory Committee stated that statistically there are more seniors in the area than children in grades K - 12. The purpose of the Committee is to advise CA on issues that pertain to seniors. The Committee's accomplishments include: CA hired a person who specializes in senior programs, the senior events shuttle program to drive seniors to sponsored weekend events and The Village in Howard which is becoming a viable support group.

Transportation issues are a problem for seniors so that the committee is looking into expanding these options. The committee is also pursuing partnering with the Art Center, CA and Howard County. Pickleball has become a popular sport for seniors so the committee is working with CA to install a pickleball court at the new tennis facility in Long Reach.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT

Residents Charles Davis, Greg Marcinkowski, Dave Wissing and Taylor Lantrip were in attendance. They are all interested in being appointed to fill the open Board position.

Resident Bradley Bounds just moved to Long Reach and came to observe.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

(Attached to original minutes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Election Committee is getting all of the forms ready for the nomination petitions.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Hitcho has resigned from the Board. Basu thanked her for her 16 years of service most of them as the Board's chair.

Basu and Uphouse are in the process of looking into an amendment addressing long term Board absences. The proposed amendment will be discussed at the next meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

Hitcho thanked the Board and staff for the support that she has received over the years. It has been a very rewarding experience serving on the Board. Basu recognized Hitchos outstanding service to the community.

Taylor also thanked Hitcho for her service. It has been great experience.

Coleman mentioned that the Howard County budget has been presented, which includes expanding the Court House. Coleman would like to have the Long Reach Board put this on a future agenda because the new facility may be next to Long Reach.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Evans announced that the Council will be voting on the fiscal year 2018 budget this week. Columbia's 50th Birthday celebration kick off will be held on Sunday, March 19, at the outdoor Mall courtyard.

AMINISTRATIVE REPORT

(Attached to original minutes)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Nina Basu, Chair

Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary