

LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Karen Hitcho, Chair, at 7:30pm Monday, February 22, 2016, in the Tamar Room at Stonehouse. Members present were Ed Coleman, Josh Friedman and Karen Hitcho. Also present was Sarah Uphouse, Administrator; Janet Evans, CA Representative and Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda and minutes from January 19, 2016 was approved by consensus.

CA TENNIS FACILITY PRESENTATION

(Attendance sheet attached to original minutes)

Al Edwards, CA Director of Construction, presented the plans for the Long Reach Tennis Club to be built on Old Dobbin Road across from the Long Reach High School fields. The land slopes downward so the building will sit below the road.

The site was selected because there are few places available to accommodate a building of this size and Long Reach would benefit from having an athletic facility.

The first rounds of the permit process have been completed. Construction is scheduled to begin in February 2017 and will be completed February 2018.

David Konapelsky, partner from GTM Architects, presented the architectural plans. The building configuration will be two floors with a two level windowed central common area with a check in desk, refreshment facilities, changing rooms and meeting space. There will be three courts on each side of the common area for a total of 12 courts. The building will have metal siding with no windows except for the center area. The building will be able to accommodate 100 people.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT

The residents who live at Bristol Green were very concerned about the traffic pattern. Egressing from their development is difficult because of heavy traffic flow from the stores along Old Dobbin Road and the High School. The Tennis Facility will bring more traffic to an already saturated area. Edwards responded that a tennis facility is a low traffic generator and the County will probably not want a traffic study. If traffic needs to be controlled there are options that could be implemented.

Representatives from the Columbia Tennis Committee explained that the courts are rented on a 90 minute turnaround, so the traffic pattern impact is minimal.

Residents requested that pedestrian pathways be constructed to connect the tennis facility to the Village Center. Edwards said this will be addressed at a later date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

(Attached to original minutes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Election Committee

(Attached to original minutes)

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

(Attached to original minutes)

Hitcho received an e-mail that some of the Villages have proposed forming a Transportation Committee to study the transportation needs of all of the Villages. Friedman wanted to know what the scope of the committee would be. Uphouse will followup with River Hill.

Hitcho asked Uphouse about the AC Chair vacancy. It was clarified that a chair will be elected before the next AC meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

Coleman suggested that the Board plan far in advance whenever they need to request something from CA. Therefore, the Board asked Uphouse to send a letter to CA supporting connectivity from the Village Center to the planned Tennis Facility.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

(Attached to original minutes)

CA REPRESENTATIVE

Evans reported that the CA Budget was approved and the next CA Board meeting will discuss the contingency fund.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm.

Karen Hitcho, Chair

Rita Seidelman, Board Secretary