

LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Nina Basu, at 7:46 pm Tuesday, April 14, 2020 and was held virtually via Zoom and phone. Other members present were Reginald Avery, Ed Coleman, Josh Friedman, and David Wissing. Also present were Janet Evans, CA Council Rep, Tina Addo, Executive Director, and Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MARCH 3, 2020 MINUTES

The agenda was approved by consensus.

The March 3, 2020 minutes were approved by consensus with an amendment to the Election Committee report noting that in a subsequent meeting, due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor of Maryland, it was decided that the election would not take place in-person.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Addo provided the Long Reach Village Board with correspondence, which are attached to the original minutes. The Board discussed the Streets for All Sign-On Letter from Horizon Foundation and are comfortable with signing the letter as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Election Committee- Basu provided an overview of the committee's decision to hold the election by mail only, change the date of the annual meeting and to waive the signature requirement for candidates. The changes to the election process were made to provide the greatest opportunity for residents to have a voice. She explained that changes may need to be made to LRCA By-laws to accommodate unforeseen events such as the current State of Emergency. Basu proposed the following verbiage be added to the By-laws, "In the event of a State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States or Governor of Maryland that includes the date of the annual meeting and election, the annual meeting may be postponed to a date no more than 30 days after the State of Emergency ends by vote of the Board of Directors. The election may be held by mail at the decision of the Board of Directors."

The Board further discussed the process in which to count absentee ballots. Basu requested legal guidance regarding the changes. Coleman suggested tabling the discussion for the next scheduled meeting on April 21, 2020.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Basu stated that the ten Village Board Chairs met and shared concerns about the financial future of villages due to COVID-19. A significant concern is the village's share of the assessment. She said that the group drafted and sent a letter to Columbia Association (CA) requesting a meeting to discuss the impact COVID-19 has had on villages financially and how Columbia Association and the villages can work together to find mutually agreeable solutions. Basu stated that there has been no response from CA to date.

Evans mentioned that the letter is on the agenda for consideration at the next CA Board of Directors meeting scheduled for April 23, 2020.

BOARD COMMENTS

Coleman asked if LRCA has any cash exposure regarding the cancellation of rentals and events. Addo provided an update on the current rental and program situation.

Wissing requested an update on summer camp registration. Addo explained the process in place in handling camp registration and cancellations due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Avery had no comments.

Friedman expressed concern about waiving the signature requirement for candidates. He appreciated that the committee was doing the best they could with the very bad, unprecedented situation. However, the By-laws require the signatures.

CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Evans stated that the letter from the villages regarding the surplus cap will be discussed at the next CA Board meeting. She mentioned that Capital Expenditures will be hit very hard and neighborhood centers are part of that. Evans agrees that Friedman has a legitimate concern. The fact that nobody had anticipated such a drastic event happening does open the door for a lot of opportunity for contingency planning related to the election and anything the Board does. CA has been mapping out scenarios for their upcoming budget.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

She mentioned that there will be an additional April Board meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2020, to be held virtually at 7:30 pm.

FY2020 3RD QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Avery motioned to approve the FY2020 Third Quarter Financial Statements. Wissing seconded. Approved 5-0-0.

FLAG REMOVAL-5593 Luckypenny Place

Avery motioned to approve the flag removal on 5593 Luckypenny Place. Friedman seconded. Approved 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Nina Basu, Chair

Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary