

LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Nina Basu at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, June 16, 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 MAY 19, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The May 19, 2020 minutes were approved by consensus.

Avery motioned to amend the agenda to add CA Funding as an agenda item before Chairperson's Comments, item I, which was approved by consensus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Kulesza provided the Long Reach Village Board with correspondence, which are attached to the original minutes.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE (AC) RE-APPOINTMENTS

Avery motioned to re-appoint Edward T. Colman, Jan Perriens, Raza Khan, Nina Basu, and Greg Marcinkowski to the LRCA Architectural Committee for a one-year term to expire on June 30, 2021. Wissing seconded.

Approved 5-0-0.

RESIDENT ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE (RAC) RE-APPOINTMENTS

Avery motioned to re-appoint Kevin Inghram, Raza Khan, and Michael Buckingham to the LRCA Resident Architectural Committee for a two-year term to expire on June 30, 2022. Friedman seconded. Approved 5-0-0.

TAMAR DRIVE/OLD MONTGOMERY RD ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

The Board discussed the county's roundabout project to mitigate the traffic and improve the safety of the Tamar Drive and Old Montgomery Road intersection. The Board still has design concerns relating to traffic flow and would like to see a 4-way pedestrian crosswalk. Addo mentioned that the county has addressed the ingress/egress issues with respect to the Jeffers Hill Neighborhood Center.

Avery motioned to support the concept of the traffic circle at Tamar Drive and Old Montgomery Road, and have Addo request that the Howard County Traffic Engineer and Council Member Opel Jones attend a Board meeting to address those concerns and take them into consideration when finalizing the design. Wissing seconded. Approved 5-0-0.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR 2020

The Board discussed possible short term (six months from now), medium term (two years from now), and long term (four years and beyond) priorities for FY21. Priorities mentioned included Long Reach Village Center related issues, communication opportunities with the community, tackling broken utility box issues in the village, along with greater county connectivity for bikers and pedestrians. The Board requested staff to create a working document for the Board to add to and discuss at a future Board meeting.

CA FUNDING

Basu expressed concerns about Columbia Association's (CA) financial position and what economic impact the Coronavirus pandemic currently has had and will continue to have in the future. Residents are upset about the pools being closed for summer 2020, as well as reduction in open space maintenance. Basu felt a lack of strong communication from CA to residents and village board and staff. She would like more information about CA's plan for future budget cuts to open space and other important community amenities, such as school age services, camps, and the teen center. In addition, the Board is concerned about how CA's budget cuts may affect the village assessment share allocation and the maintenance of CA facilities, such as neighborhood centers and Stonehouse.

Evans explained the main revenue sources for CA and gave an overview of how CA is handling the re-opening of its sports facilities. She too expressed the need for better communication from CA.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Basu had no comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

Avery had no comments.

Wissing had no comments.

Friedman mentioned that he has seen several shopping carts from nearby stores on the village pathways.

Coleman stated that the refurbished tunnel under Oakland Mills Road looks nice and is well-lit. He would like the Board to consider advocating for the same upgrades to the tunnel under Route 175. He also mentioned that the Howard County Planning Board is undergoing a review of its current regulations and procedures in order to update those documents and allow for virtual meetings.

CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Evans had no comments.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Addo provided report in writing, which is attached to the original minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Nina Basu, Chair

Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary