

LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 21, 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, July 21, 2020 and was held virtually via Zoom and phone. Other members present were Ed Coleman, Josh Friedman, and David Wissing. Reginald Avery joined the meeting at 8:20 pm. Also present were Janet Evans, CA Council Rep, Tina Addo, Executive Director, and Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JUNE 16, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The agenda and the June 16, 2020 minutes were approved by consensus.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT- 2 minute limit per resident

Ashley Alston, District Aide to Council Member Opel Jones, introduced herself to the Board.

Michael Harris, Special Assistant to Council Member Opel Jones, thanked the Board for their time and reminded the Board that they may contact him for constituent service needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

NEW TOWN (NT) PLANNING & VISIONING CONSULTING SERVICES

Addo explained that Columbia Association (CA) is requesting a representative from each village to participate in a series of virtual workshops to brainstorm what is or is not working in Columbia, and what elements we want to preserve, modify, or reimagine as the County develops its General Plan rewrite. Wissing offered to be the Long Reach representative but will confirm with the Board his commitment once he checks his schedule.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR 2020

The Board reviewed the Fiscal Year 2021 short term (six months from now), medium term (two years from now), and long term (four years and beyond) priorities that were discussed at the June 16, 2020 Board meeting. Addo will publish the Community Priorities on the village website.

ELECTRONIC VOTING

Addo and Kulesza explained the existing electronic voting process currently used by five villages. The Board would like additional information regarding how personally identifiable information (PII) is secured and data privacy policies. The Board agreed to discuss the layout electronic voting criteria and policies at the next Board meeting. Wissing motioned that the Board wishes to utilize an online voting option for the April 2021 election and instruct the staff to work out a proposal for such voting. Friedman seconded. Approved 4-0-0.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Basu provided an overview of the recent meeting held with CA staff, CA Board members, Village Board Chairs, and Village Managers. She stated the meeting was productive and the villages were able to get a better understanding of CA's financial outlook and the impact that its reduced income streams have on CA as well as the villages.

BOARD COMMENTS

Friedman mentioned that the island at Route 175 and Tamar needs mowed. Basu requested staff follow up with the State Highway Administration to resolve the maintenance issue.

Wissing had no comments.

Avery had no comments.

Coleman provided a few updates on Parks & Recreation projects. He stated that the County installed solar lighting in the pedestrian tunnel under Oakland Mills Road. The lightning alarm system at Blandair Park is scheduled to go active August 2020. Also, the current project which includes a maintenance shed and a large playground at the park is on schedule to open mid to late September.

CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Evans stated that Milton Matthews opted not to renew his contract which ends in April 2021. The CA Board is in the process of putting out an RFP for an executive search firm to hire his replacement. The CA Audit Committee meeting will be presenting the fourth quarter financials at the July 23, 2020 CA Board meeting. Evans mentioned that CA's budget schedule was discussed and decisions for budget parameters will be moved to the September CA Board meeting. She also stated that School Age Services is currently talking to the county and looking into alternate locations to house their services.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

FY2020 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Avery motioned to accept and approve the FY2020 Fourth Quarter Financials. Wissing seconded. Approved 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Nina Basu, Chair

Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary