



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 7, 2021

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Ed Coleman at 7:30 pm, Tuesday, December 7, 2021, and was held virtually via Zoom and phone. Other members present were Reginald Avery, Josh Friedman, and David Wissing. Nina Basu joined the meeting at 7:31 pm. Also present were Janet Evans, CA Council Rep, Tina Addo, Executive Director, and Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND NOVEMBER 16, 2021 BOARD MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

The agenda and the November 16, 2021 Board meeting and November 16, 2021 Executive Session minutes were approved by consensus.

### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE CALVIN BALL & JENNIFER JONES, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF**

Dr. Ball thanked the Board and Ms. Jones for the successful 50<sup>th</sup> Long Reach Village Celebration event this fall. He provided a brief overview of the Center's history and explained what the County has done so far to improve deferred maintenance and overall vitality.

A Q&A session was held for Board, Staff, and residents in attendance. Discussion centered around how the County and the Association can move forward together. Dr. Ball mentioned he would like to focus on creating positive news for the Village by holding more community events and highlighting new merchants. Dr. Ball stated that he is open to collaborating with Columbia Association, the Village, and other stakeholders regarding infrastructure improvements such as play structures, wayfinding, stormwater improvements, etc.. He anticipates that the County may be able to reevaluate its position in the summer of 2022.

### **BOARD RESOLUTION TO CLOSE COVENANT CASE FOR: 5607 LIGHTSPUN LANE**

The Board discussed. Friedman motioned to close the covenant case for 5607 Lightspun Lane. Avery seconded, which was approved 5-0-0.

### **VILLAGE ELECTIONS DISCUSSION**

Wissing provided an overview of the last discussion. Ms. Addo stated that she spoke with legal counsel. The Board discussed when to hold a special meeting. Coleman motioned to call a Special meeting on January 4, 2022 with a date of January 18, 2022 for a second Special Meeting should the January 4 meeting not meet quorum in order to entertain changes to the By-Laws. Wissing seconded, which was approved 4-0-1.

The Board reviewed the proposed By-Law amendment drafted by Friedman. Friedman stated he would like to include additional verbiage and will have a final draft ready for the next meeting. Wissing, Basu, and Addo will finalize the verbiage for the other By-Law changes to discuss at the December 21 meeting.

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Basu stated that she hopes the Board can be a force for moving the Village Center forward.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Avery stated that he also wants to make sure that we are moving forward with the Village Center. He mentioned that he will be out of town on December 21, 2021.

Coleman stated that the Planning Board just approved an expansion of a clubhouse for Treover condominiums. He also pointed out that the original plan for Long Reach called for a park in that one corner at the Village Center and putting a park in should not be terribly expensive. He stated that the park would reduce the existing asphalt, which would be in an improvement.

Friedman stated he was grateful for the County Executive's time and appreciated his commitment to having a Village Center that everyone is proud of. He stated he is anxious to see results.

Wissing had no comments.

#### **CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT**

Evans stated that the CA Board continues its budget discussions. She mentioned that she echoes the sentiments about installing a park at the Village Center. She stated that she sees so much opportunity for activation of the large asphalt areas, for use as a beer garden and for other community events sponsored by the Village and/or the County.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

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Nina Basu, Chair

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Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary