



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Ed Coleman at 7:31pm, Tuesday, January 17, 2023, and was held virtually via Zoom and phone. Other members present were Reginald Avery, Josh Friedman, and Justin Van Hassel. Also present were Janet Evans, CA Council Rep, Tina Addo, Executive Director, and Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND DECEMBER 20, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friedman motioned to amend the agenda and strike item E. CA Board Discussion. No second, so motion failed. Coleman motioned to approve the December 20, 2022 agenda. Avery seconded, which was approved 3-1-0. The December 20, 2022 meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

CA SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE – Sharonlee Vogel

Ms. Vogel gave an update on CA Senior Advisory Committee activities. She stated that they are working on changing the name to Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee. She stated that the name better reflects the advocacy work the committee does for Columbia residents. She mentioned that CA staff stated that the committee must request a change to the charter to change the name, which was not disclosed earlier in the process. Ms. Vogel also stated The Village in Howard, a Columbia organization for seniors, no longer receives grants from CA. She requested that the Board discuss at a future meeting giving a grant to The Village in Howard. Coleman explained the donation process and Addo stated that she would send a donation form to Ms. Vogel.

CA BOARD DISCUSSION

Coleman explained that several village boards, residents, CA employees have taken a public stance on the issues surrounding the CA Board and the CA President/CEO. He suggested discussing three topics: conflict of interest of serving on the Long Reach Village Board (LRVB) and being head of the Inner Arbor Trust (IAT); the position of the LRVB concerning the removal of Ms. Boyd as the President/CEO of CA; and the conduct of the CA Board.

Coleman stated that Long Reach Community Association has no financial business or overlap with IAT. Therefore, there is no financial conflict of interest. In addition, he stated that when representatives of IAT came before the LRVB, they only provided community updates that were also provided to all other village boards. Coleman stated that all Board members have different roles and interests in the community and employment, and when appropriate, members must disclose conflicts of interest. No Board member should be prohibited because of a relationship with IAT. The Board unanimously agreed.

The Board discussed its position on the issues surrounding Ms. Boyd's role within CA. The Board unanimously agreed that there is not enough information in either direction to recommend anything or take a stance. Coleman stated that the CA Board has not been forthcoming with information, so it is impossible to determine if there is any merit to their issues with Ms. Boyd. Coleman motioned that the LRVB does not have a position at this time with the information that has been provided. The Board agreed by consensus.

The Board discussed the conduct of the CA Board. Evans mentioned the CA Board's lack of transparency and explained that all Columbia lien payers should be concerned about the cost associated with removing Ms. Boyd. She stated that efforts should be made towards resolution rather than removal. The Board agreed by consensus that Coleman draft a statement for review by the Board, to send to the CA Board urging the CA Board to conduct its meetings according to the Maryland Open Meeting Act and start providing information to the public so everyone can adequately understand the issues and have a debate.

RESOLUTION TO REMOVE FLAG FOR: 6147 Starburn Path and 5667 Lightspun Lane

Avery motioned to remove the flags for 6147 Starburn Path and 5667 Lightspun Lane. Friedman seconded, which passed 4-0-0.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Coleman stated that the county's meeting for the Sewells Orchard Pond Retrofit Project is scheduled for the same night and time as the upcoming February 7th Board meeting. He suggested postponing or canceling the meeting so that Board members may attend the county meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS

Avery had no comments.

Van Hassel agreed with Coleman that the February 7th Board meeting should be moved or canceled, as he is planning on attending the county meeting.

Friedman mentioned that there has been a rash of car break-ins and verbal confrontations with others using the CA Dog Park parking lot. He stated that he, and others, are trying to raise awareness of the issues so that they are resolved.

CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Evans did not have anything to report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Addo presented the report in writing, which is attached to the original minutes. She mentioned that the Board can opt to cancel the February 7th Board meeting now or at a future date. Friedman motioned to

cancel the February 7th Board meeting so that Board members may attend the county's meeting on the Sewells Orchard Pond Retrofit Project. Avery seconded, which passed 4-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Avery motioned to adjourn the meeting and go into executive session pursuant to Maryland Homeowners Association Act, Md. Code, Real Property § 11B-111(4)(iv) Consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters at 8:40pm. Friedman seconded, which passed 4-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Ed Coleman, Vice-Chair

Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary