



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Nina Basu at 7:31pm, Tuesday, February 21, 2023, and was held virtually via Zoom and phone. Other members present were Ed Coleman, Reginald Avery, and Justin Van Hassel. Also present were Josh Friedman, CA Council Rep, Tina Addo, Executive Director, and Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JANUARY 17, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JANUARY 31, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 8, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The agenda and the January 17, 2023 Board meeting minutes, January 31, 2023 and February 8, 2023 Special Meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Michael Buckingham, Long Reach resident, stated that he was in attendance for the RAC appointment.

Jill Adams and Mariah Beyers, both Long Reach residents, stated that they were in attendance for the CARES Committee update.

Ashley Alston, D2 District Aide, stated she was in attendance for support.

Adil Ahmed stated that he was on the Board of the King Charles Commons HOA and was in attendance to just listen in.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

CARES COMMITTEE UPDATE

CARES Chair Jill Adams and committee member Mariah Beyers provided an update on the bluebird nest box project. Ms. Beyers shared several slides explaining how the project has grown in terms of the increase in nest boxes, including wood duck boxes, as well as the number of volunteers since its inception. Ms. Beyers will send a map of the box locations along with the slides to Addo.

ELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Avery motioned to appoint Karen Hitcho, Jan Pierrens, Kristin Shulder, and Justin Van Hassel to the Election Committee. Coleman seconded, which passed 3-0-1.

Coleman motioned to appoint Justin Van Hassel Election Committee Chair. Avery seconded, which passed 3-0-1.

RAC APPOINTMENT

Avery motioned to appoint Michael Buckingham to the Long Reach Resident Architectural Committee for a term ending June 30, 2025. Coleman seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

OPEN BOARD POSITION

Coleman motioned to advertise the open Board member position for sixty days and make the appointment sometime after the village elections. Basu offered a friendly amendment to specify an application deadline date of 1pm, Friday, May 5, 2023. Coleman accepted the friendly amendment. Avery seconded the amended motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Avery motioned to require the applicant attend at least two Long Reach Village Board meetings within the past six months. Van Hassel seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

HOCO LOCAL BILL 17-23

The Board discussed the bill by Delegate Feldmark which requires that in certain elections, if a lot within the village community association is owned by more than one person, each owner of the lot is entitled to one vote in the elections; and, if the village community association for a village allows lessees to vote in certain elections, and a leasehold within the village community association is held by more than one lessee, each holder of a leasehold is entitled to one vote in the election.

Coleman motioned for the Long Reach Board to take the position that it asks to have this bill withdrawn to give the villages and the delegation time to get together and see if there is another solution other than the bill that is in front us. Avery seconded, which passed 4-0-0.

Coleman motioned for the Long Reach Board to support forming a task force to tackle village election issues. Avery seconded, which passed 4-0-0.

PHELPS LUCK SANDBOX

Basu explained that she was contacted by several people about the potential removal of a sandbox by the Phelps Luck Neighborhood Center. She let residents know that the Village Board did not vote to request CA remove the sandbox. Addo explained that there have been issues with the sandbox and the neighborhood center renters would prefer alternative play equipment. Basu requested Addo contact the renters for their specific concerns about the sandbox. Addo will also contact CA for more information and possible plans for that area.

IN-PERSON MEETING DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the best time to start meeting in-person. Avery motioned to take up the question of meeting in-person at the Organizational Meeting in May. Van Hessel seconded, which was approved 4-0-0.

Coleman motioned to meet virtually for the Organizational Meeting. Avery seconded, which was approved 4-0-0.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Basu stated that she appreciated everyone being so in tune with the amount of paper recently and is looking forward to going back to the usual meeting schedule.

BOARD COMMENTS

Avery stated that at the last Board meeting he asked Ashley Alston about potential lighting at the Old Montgomery Rd./Tamar Dr. circle and would like an update. Secondly, he stated that a resident approached him about creating a resident committee similar to what Wilde Lake does. He will pass the information on to the Board. Ms. Alston stated that she did follow up with a few departments about the lighting and will circle back around for an update.

Van Hassel stated that the county's Sewells Orchard Pond Retrofit Project presentation was good and addressed many resident concerns. He stated that he had reached out to Mark about an idea, and they are considering it. Van Hassel thanked Ms. Alston for her assistance with information about a large portion of charred forest near the 29 bridge going towards Kitt.

Coleman stated that the Planning Board approved increasing the number of pumps at Costco. The increase should reduce wait time, but not increase the number of trips. He stated it will most likely come back before the Planning Board for an SDP hearing where there will be more details and a potential traffic study. He also mentioned that Rec and Parks owns a plot of land off of Oakland Mills Road and Homepsun Drive in which they are planning on putting in a park.

CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Friedman stated that he has not officially been seated yet. The Columbia Council will meet this Thursday, February 23, and he anticipates he will be seated then. He stated that his top priority will be making sure that Long Reach's equities regarding the budget are captured.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Addo presented the report in writing, which is attached to the original minutes. She suggested the Board select a date to hold interviews for the open board position. She stated that setting a date in advance may assist applicants avoid any scheduling conflicts. The Board agreed by consensus to hold interviews on May 16, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

Nina Basu, Chair

Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary