



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2023

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Nina Basu at 7:31pm, Tuesday, March 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 MARCH 7, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Van Hassel motioned to amend the agenda to include an agenda item Volunteer Policy Discussion after Community Priorities. Avery seconded, which passed 4-0-0. The March 7, 2023 Board meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

### **RESIDENT SPEAK OUT**

Allan Klima, Long Reach resident, stated that he had a history in the village being a prior employee. He stated that he thought staff actions, specifically being told that an attorney needs to be contacted, were uncalled for when he turned in his Nomination Petition.

### **ELECTION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Van Hassel presented the report, which is attached to the original minutes.

### **DONATION REQUEST: JEFFERS HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA**

The Board discussed the donation request from JHES PTA to help offset the programing costs for students to participate in a STEM program. Avery motioned to approve the donation request from Jeffers Hill Elementary School PTA in the amount of \$1,000. Coleman seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

### **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT @ LOCUST PARK POOL – JOHN MCCOY, CA**

Addo stated she had a conversation with the Chairs of the Long Reach Watershed Advisory Committee and CARES about CA's proposed project. She stated that the village committees will be working on a list of project priorities; however there was consensus in support of upgrading the stormwater facilities at Locust Park Pool, with the request that CA opt for a plan that includes native plant bioretention areas versus mowed areas.

Avery motioned to approve the use of funds for upgrading the stormwater management at Locust Park pool with the recommendation that mowed space be avoided in favor of native plant bioretention facilities. Coleman seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

## **COMMUNITY PRIORITIES FOR THE COUNTY**

The Board discussed the community priorities draft. Coleman motioned to amend the document to include advocating for restarting the community officer program as soon as possible as a short-term priority. Avery seconded, which was approved 4-0-0. Avery motioned to approve the community priorities as amended. Van Hassel seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

## **VOLUNTEER PRIORITIES**

Van Hassel explained that he wanted to let the Board know that he is volunteering for an ice hockey program run by Columbia Association, but chose not to accept any monetary compensation from CA. He stated that CA was fine with it strictly being an unpaid volunteer position.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Basu stated that it is great to see people out and about again now that winter is over.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Avery asked Ms. Alston for an update about the lighting at the roundabout. He also thanked her for putting in the roundabout and asked her to pass his thanks on to the County Executive and to LRCA's County Council Rep. Ms. Alston stated that the lights are still slated to go in and she will follow-up with an update.

Van Hassel asked Ms. Alston if the TellHoCo app was still working because he reported a missing streetlight on Tamar that needs replaced and hadn't heard back. Ms. Alston asked Van Hassel to send her the details and she will follow-up. He also stated that 18 lights in his condo complex were shot out by bb guns. He stated that the HOA Board asked him to bring it to the Board's attention and did not report it to the police, but will if it happens again.

Coleman had no comments.

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

Friedman stated that at the CA Board's meeting this Thursday night, they will be voting on a few easements. He stated that there is a storm drain on Wood Creek HOA's property that needs replaced, and the county requires an easement from CA to perform the work. Wood Creek is in support of CA granting the easement. He also mentioned two Howard Hughes easements related to a pathway and drain replacement in downtown Columbia. He also stated that there is a vote for a land swap off Cedar Lane.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

## **LRCA FY23 QTR3 FINANCIALS**

Addo presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Third Quarter Financials. The Board discussed. Avery motioned to approve the FY23 Third Quarter Financials as presented. Coleman seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

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Nina Basu, Chair

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Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary