



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Nina Basu at 7:33pm, Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the Tamar Room at Stonehouse. Other members present were Ed Coleman, Lillian Norris-Holmes, and Justin Van Hassel. Also present were Reginald Avery, CA Council Rep, Tina Addo, Executive Director, and Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MAY 2, 2023 ORGANIZATIONAL AND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The agenda and May 2, 2023 Organizational and Board meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

RESIDENT SPEAKOUT – 2-minute limit per resident

Mr. Bob Dover, Long Reach resident, stated that he sent comments as an expert surface water hydrologist on the Elkhorn Branch Project which identified major technical and legal flaws in the project documents. He stated that he presented one of the issues to the CA Board during their resident speak out. He stated that he will be meeting with the CA and LRCA WAC members.

Sarah Kellett, Long Reach resident and a member of Protect Our Ponds, expressed her gratitude that the Board is receptive to Mr. Dover being able to speak. She stated that she attended the CA Board meeting and can attest that the CA WAC stated that it had not looked at science. She stated that it appears that these projects only have a 13% success rate.

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION UPDATE – Leslie Barnett, CA

Leslie Barnett, Assistant Director of Community Programs and Services, gave highlights of Columbia Association's current endeavors, which included the before and aftercare program at local elementary schools, three summer camps, outdoor pools, lakefront activities, free tutoring at the Youth and Teen Center, and CA's earned membership program for students.

FLAG REMOVAL FOR: 5832 Alderleaf Place, 9001 Blue Pool, 8952 Watchlight Court

Coleman motioned to remove the flag for 5832 Alderleaf Place. Van Hassel seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Coleman motioned to remove the flag for 9001 Blue Pool. Norris-Holmes seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Coleman motioned to remove the flag for 8952 Watchlight Court. Van Hassel seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

The Board conducted interviews with three residents prior to the Board meeting. The Board voted by secret ballot and Rick McCray obtained 3 out of the 4 votes. Coleman motioned to appoint Rick McCray to the Long Reach Board of Directors. Van Hassel seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.

LRCA BOARD RULES AND PROCEDURES

The Board discussed changes to the Rules and Procedures document. The draft document will be reviewed and voted on at the June 20, 2023 Board meeting.

LRCA GOALS

The Board agreed to break the Goals document into two separate documents: LRCA Objectives and LRCA Goals. The draft documents will be reviewed at voted on at the June 20, 2023 Board meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Basu thanked everyone for their time and attention. She stated that along with village concerns, there are a few big picture issues that the Board will need to focus on this year.

BOARD COMMENTS

Van Hassel stated that he would like to hear a follow-up from Ms. Alston about getting a one-on-one with elected officials. He also stated that he is looking forward to helping with the fishing derby in June.

Coleman stated that the Planning Board this Thursday will be hearing about the 7-11 gas station project in Oakland Mills this Thursday.

Norris-Holmes agreed with Van Hassel about wanting to see some follow-up with Dr. Opel Jones and would like him to personally attend a meeting.

CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Avery stated that the CA Board had their first meeting, and they flipped a coin regarding the tie for the Board Chair position. Andy Stack will be Chair for the first six months, and Eric Greenberg will be chair for the last six months. He mentioned that he is on the golf committee, the age in place committee, and the audit committee. He stated that the Board will be revisiting the stream projects and have budget conversations coming up.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Addo presented the 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 9:31pm.

Nina Basu, Chair

Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary