



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Ed Coleman at 7:30pm, Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in the Plaza Room at Stonehouse. Other members present were Lillian Norris-Holmes, Rick McCray, 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 JUNE 20, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Avery motioned to amend the agenda to add an item, WAC Update, before Bike Stations. Van Hassel seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. The June 20, 2023 Board meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT – 2 MINUTE LIMIT PER RESIDENT

Bob Dover, Long Reach resident, spoke about his concerns about the Lake Elkhorn Stream Restoration/Mitigation Bank project.

Marlene Kellett, Long Reach resident, spoke about her concerns about the Lake Elkhorn Stream Restoration/Mitigation Bank project, specifically the removal of the tree buffer between the homes and Dobbin Center.

Chris Walker, Long Reach resident, spoke about her concerns about the Lake Elkhorn Stream Restoration/Mitigation Bank project, as the stream runs directly through her community. She stated that she too is concerned about tree removal.

Mandy Elder, Long Reach resident, stated that she is an avid cyclist who uses the pathways and values the trees lining the pathways in open space. She stated that she would love to see the pathways widened from 6 feet to the now standard 10-12 feet to make it comfortable for both pedestrians and cyclists.

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION UPDATE- Tavia Patusky, CA

Ms. Patusky was unable to attend the meeting.

WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WAC) UPDATE

Mandy Elder, WAC chair, provided an update on WAC activities. She stated that they are monitoring several bioretention facilities planned in Long Reach. She mentioned that Columbia Association is holding training for volunteers wanting to assist with Weed Warriors, a program that helps combat invasive plants. She stated that the WAC is working on a stance to provide to CA on herbicides to assist with invasive plant removal. Ms. Elder also mentioned that the WAC continues to support, with caution, the Lake Elkhorn Stream Restoration Project.

BIKE STATIONS

Mandy Elder, Long Reach resident, explained that there are many families, particularly on Tamar Drive, that are impacted by the county's reduction of bus service for school children. She stated that Phelps Luck Elementary School is going from 10 buses to 6 which means more kids walking and/or biking. She would like to see community support for free bikes (helmets, locks) for kids to get to school and possibly a bike rodeo to encourage bike safety. She also mentioned that a few bike repair stations, and water stations, strategically located in Long Reach may help cyclists.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Van Hassel motioned to appoint Mike Buckingham to the Long Reach Architectural Committee for a term ending April 30, 2024. Norris-Holmes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Van Hassel stated that residents along High Tor Hill have formed a traffic advisory committee to combat speeding. They are following the county process for requesting speed humps. He explained that residents on Phelps Luck Drive are also concerned about speeding, and that there are significant concerns about speeding on Tamar Drive, especially given the recent fatal accident.

Van Hassel stated that he would like the Board to assist residents in alleviating the speed issues on these main arteries. The board agreed to help set up a meeting with the county and residents at Stonehouse to discuss solutions. Van Hassel stated that he would reach out to the resident who posted and bring information back to the Board.

LRCA BOARD RULES AND PROCEDURES

McCray motioned to approve the LRCA Board Rules and Procedures document as presented. Norris-Holmes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

LRCA GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Van Hassel motioned to approve the LRCA Goals document and Objectives document as presented. Norris-Holmes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Coleman mentioned two items for the Board to start planning for: village election/voting procedures and the management contract. He suggested the villages work together to form a task force to create a response to any future legislation regarding village elections. The Board agreed it would be a good idea to be proactive and look at village election processes. Coleman also explained that a few villages wish to revisit the management contract to possibly change the assessment formula. He suggested that the Board review the current contract to get a better understanding of documents so it may effectively discuss any changes.

Addo stated that she would check with other village managers to find out when the Board chairs are meeting to discuss the management contract and who may be interested in creating an election task force.

BOARD COMMENTS

Norris-Holmes asked if Addo would provide an update about the illegal parking of trucks along Foreland Garth. Addo stated that the trucks were ticketed and removed, but two trucks started to park illegally again. Norris-Holmes stated that she sent an email to Ashley Alston asking what policies and procedures the county is putting in place to prevent reoccurrences, but she has not received a response. She stated she will follow up.

Van Hassel stated that he had a great time at the fishing derby and DNR/CA are interested in continuing this event annually. He stated that he would like to get the delegation involved in election process discussions should an election task force be created. He said that a resident reached out to him about the RFP coming out very soon. Van Hassel also asked Avery about CA's policy on vape and marijuana in open space.

McCray stated that he would be very interested in creating a task force on village elections and planning for any future legislation that would have an impact on the election process.

CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Avery stated that CA will share a presentation about invasive plants that was presented to CA by their newly hired expert. He stated that the CA Board is working on developing a strategic plan. He also mentioned that budget discussions are coming up, and if the Board has any budget requests, he will relay those to CA. Avery stated that the presidential selection committee will be interviewing three firms and will then make a recommendation to the CA Board. The goal of all three firms is to have a CA president in place by January 2, 2024. Avery applauded Bob Dover for educating CA and residents about the stream restoration project. He stated that CA has requested an independent third party to assist in reviewing the project.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

FY2023 4th QUARTER FINANCIALS

Addo presented the financials and the Board reviewed. Van Hassel motioned to accept the FY2023 4th Quarter Financials as presented. McCray 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 9:20pm.

Ed Coleman, Vice-Chair

Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary