



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Ed Coleman at 7:32pm, Tuesday, September 5, 2023, in the Plaza Room at Stonehouse. Other members present were Lillian Norris-Holmes, Rick McCray, and Justin Van Hassel. Nina Basu joined the meeting virtually. Also present were Reginald Avery, CA Council Rep, Tina Addo, Executive Director, and Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JULY 18, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The agenda and the July 18, 2023 Board meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT – 2 MINUTE LIMIT PER RESIDENT

Bob Dover, Long Reach resident, explained that there have been two major construction projects in Long Reach and those agencies promoting those projects were allowed extended time to describe the projects at Board meetings. He stated that he would like the Board to allow the same extended time for those that oppose those views and challenge misinformation that has been spread by those agencies.

RESIDENT ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE (RAC) REAPPOINTMENTS

Van Hassel motioned to reappoint Jan Perriens and Chuck Davis to the Long Reach Resident Architectural Committee for a two-year term ending June 30, 2025.

RESOLUTION FOR FLAG REMOVAL – 5411 CHATTERBIRD PLACE, 9054 FLAMEPOOL WAY, 5454 LUCKPENNY PLACE

Van Hassel motioned to remove the flag at 5411 Chatterbird Place, 9054 Flamepool Way, and 5454 Luckpenny Place. Basu seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-1.

CA BUDGET PRIORITIES

Addo explained Columbia Association's (CA) request for each Village Board to independently complete CA's FY2025 Budget Input Survey. She stated that all Columbia residents are also allowed to complete the survey which is available on CA's website and has been included in Long Reach's weekly e-newsletters. The Board discussed and completed the survey by consensus. Addo will send the results to CA.

VILLAGE ELECTION PROCESSES

The Board unanimously agreed to discuss this topic at its next Board meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

Basu had no comments.

BOARD COMMENTS

Norris-Holmes stated that she is still concerned about the illegal parking of trucks along Foreland Garth and would like to know what is happening with that issue.

Addo stated that she is in communication with the County and the Howard County Police Department (HCPD), but the current 4-hour parking signage is making it difficult for the police to enforce. In addition, she stated that the county's low fine for illegal parking is not enough of a deterrent.

Joanna Chen, with the County Executive's Office, stated that it was her understanding that the county is looking into increasing the fines, but explained the process takes time. Chen stated that she will follow-up with Brandee Ganz, Howard County Chief Administrative Officer, who oversees HCPD and is looking into long-term solutions for this issue, which is affecting many areas of the county. She will update Addo.

Coleman had no comments.

McCray had no comments.

Van Hassel stated that he communicated with the Long Reach resident in charge of the unofficial High Tor Hill traffic advisory council. He stated that the group is willing to attend a Board meeting if the Board can arrange a work session with the county to discuss traffic needs to reduce speeding in Long Reach. Van Hassel will provide Addo with the group's contact information.

Van Hassel stated that he would like the Board to start discussing the creation of an RFP committee at a future meeting. He also stated that he would like to discuss, at a future meeting, the work session Bob Dover has been requesting.

CA COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Avery stated that he will provide a write-up of CA's budget overview and send it to Addo to share with the Board. Avery explained that the United States Postal Service reached out to him because they are having a very difficult time with an area in Long Reach in which postal workers are being robbed during their delivery routes. Avery stated that the CA President search is still on track with the goal of having a president in place the beginning of January 2024. He also mentioned that he will be out of town for work November 2-18.

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 9:17pm.

Nina Basu, Chair

Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary