



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 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 7:30pm, Tuesday, September 19, 2023, in the Tamar Room at Stonehouse. Other members present were Ed Coleman, 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 SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The agenda and the September 5, 2023 Board meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

### **RESIDENT SPEAK OUT – 2 MINUTE LIMIT PER RESIDENT**

Bob Dover, Long Reach resident, stated that the Sewells Orchard county project has begun, and the final design is smaller and less damaging to the ecology and the surrounding homes. He mentioned that the county told him that his involvement resulted in a better project. He stated that DPW has been allowed make full-length presentations, but that residents are only limited to two minutes. He stated that he would like DPW, CA, and the WAC to proactively work with them to incorporate common sense protections in advance.

### **COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION UPDATE – Tavia Patusky**

Ms. Patusky was not in attendance.

### **RESOLUTION FOR FLAG REMOVAL – 5372 Graywing Court**

Noris-Holmes motioned to remove the flag at 5372 Graywing Court. McCray seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-1.

### **15-DAY LETTER & BOARD RESOLUTION FOR: 5427 Chatterbird Place**

The Board discussed. Noris-Holmes motioned to approve a 15-Day Letter and Board Resolution for 5427 Chatterbird Place. McCray seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-1.

### **BOARD LIAISONS**

The Board discussed amending the Board Liaisons in light of McCray joining the Board after the Organizational Meeting. Coleman motioned to amend the Board Liaisons adding McCray to the Village Center Redevelopment and School System Committees. Van Hassel seconded. The motion passed 5-0-0.

## **CA BUDGET REQUESTS**

The Board discussed specific budget requests it would like CA to incorporate into its budget planning. Suggestions included updates to CA's Watershed Management and Dredging Plans; reinstating some pool amenities; wayfinding signage for Long Reach amenities; lighting on pathways to assist school-age walkers; funding for reinstating the Development Tracker; funding for open space updates including widening the pathways and fiberglass bridge replacement. Addo will draft a letter to CA with all the items discussed and send it to the Board for review.

## **VILLAGE ELECTION PROCESSES**

Addo stated that she is working with the Wilde Lake Village Manager to plan a meeting with Village Boards and local delegates to discuss village election processes. The Board would like to review the current election process and formalize a Board opinion at the next Board meeting.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

Basu had no comments.

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Van Hassel stated that he provided Addo with the contact information for the High Tor Traffic Advisory Council as they are receptive to attending a meeting with the county. He also mentioned that the Board should work on forming a committee to be involved with the Village Center Redevelopment process.

McCray stated that he thinks that village election engagement may be low simply because people are busy and just don't take the time to vote. He stated that he feels it is not just a Long Reach issue, but a nation-wide issue. McCray stated that the best thing the Board can do is to use common sense, speak with the residents and come to a consensus about what is best. He stated that he looks forward to an election process meeting.

Coleman stated that at the upcoming Planning Board meeting, the Planning Board will be discussing a four-story apartment complex in Hickory Ridge. He mentioned that it might be a good plan to review to see what types of housing are being considered in the county.

Norris-Holmes stated that she has seen an improvement with the illegal parking of trucks along Foreland Garth. Addo stated that she is in communication with Joanna Chen who is working with county departments on a long-term solution. Norris-Holmes asked about the status of the letter to the county. Addo stated that she will adjust the draft letter to include the addition of parking signs along Foreland Garth.

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

Avery stated that the CA Board held a meeting in closed session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel. He stated that the CA Board hired a firm to assist with the new president hiring process. He

mentioned that the goal to have a new president in place has moved to April/May 2024. Avery stated that the Board is continuing its budget discussions and is reviewing the surveys completed by the villages. He explained that several pools closed early due to lack of lifeguards. He mentioned that CA is working on a program to teach underserved children to swim with the hopes that it will create a pipeline for new lifeguards. He also mentioned that he would like to see an increase in the hiring of bilingual lifeguards.

### **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 9:12pm.

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Nina Basu, Chair

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Anne Kulesza, Board Secretary