LONG REACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Long Reach Board of Directors was called to order by Nina Basu at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, and was held in person at Stonehouse. The members present in person were Nina Basu, Amy Bennett, Krishna Dhakal, Lillian Norris-Holmes, and Nathan Pollack. Reginald Avery, CA Council Rep, attended via Zoom. Also present were Tina Addo, Executive Director, and Kristina Strakna, Board Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND JULY 21, 2026 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The agenda was amended to switch items C (Resident Speak Out) and D (Village Center Redevelopment). The amended agenda and the July 21, 2026 Board meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

VILLAGE CENTER REDEVELOPMENT – Columbia Concepts

Chris DeCarlo and Heather Snyder of Columbia Concepts presented a revised timeline for their village center redevelopment proposal. They anticipate presenting their case before the Howard County Zoning Board sometime between January and March 2027.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT – 2-MINUTE LIMIT PER RESIDENT

David Zinner thanked CA for allowing him to use the Jeffers Hill pool for his Coral Reef Encounter event. He opposes converting Jeffers Hill Pool to a splash pad.

A resident asked why Long Reach has no representation on the CA Board and wanted updates on the situation.

A resident pointed out that the developer's plan has errors due to the recent reconfiguration of Tamar Drive and the lowered speed limit. He urged the Board to meet again to discuss the VC redevelopment and consider the community's wishes.

A resident wants the board to insist on improved pathway connectivity for the VC. In his opinion, the current plan lacks safe access for bikers and walkers, and this problem will worsen with increased vehicular traffic if the VC is redeveloped according to the developer's current plans.

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION UPDATES – Tavia Patusky

Tavia Patusky, Columbia Association Wellness and Fitness Director, encouraged residents to attend a special meeting of the CA Board of Directors on Thursday, September 24 at Slayton House, and to check CA's Events calendar for more upcoming programs and events.

LRCA FY2026 AUDIT

Addo presented the LRCA FY2026 Audit and the revised LRCA FY2026 Fourth Quarter Financials. Norris-Holmes moved to accept and approve the revised LRCA FY2026 Fourth Quarter Financials. Pollack seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0. Pollack moved to accept and approve the LRCA FY2026 Audit. Dhakal seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

15-DAY LETTER and BOARD RESOLUTION: 8535 Hayshed Lane

Bennett moved to approve the letter and flag the property. Norris-Holmes seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

DONATION REQUEST: JHES PTA

Jeffers Hill Elementary School PTA asked for a $1000 donation to offset transportation costs for a 5th grade field trip to Philadelphia, PA. Bennett moved to approve and fully fund the donation request. Pollack seconded the motion, which passed 5-0-0.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

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

CHAIRPERSONS COMMENTS

Basu commented on the recently installed speed bumps at the intersection of High Tor Hill and Phelps Luck Drive and called on Ashley Alston, Communication & Community Engagement Specialist for District 2, to speak about this. Alston stated that the hump will be reconstructed in a more vehicle-friendly manner. Per Alston, public meetings about adding speed humps to Hayshed Lane will occur in late fall/early winter. Basu also said she would like to discuss the CA budget at the next meeting of the Long Reach Board.

BOARD COMMENTS

Norris-Holmes had questions for Ms. Patusky of CA about what is happening at the CA Open Space behind Burnt Mountain Path. She also expressed ongoing concerns about parking violations in and around the Village Center.

Dhakal wanted to know what is being done around Jackson Pond.

Bennett expressed a desire for the board to continue to engage constructively with Columbia Concepts for the benefit of the community. She is concerned about an outbreak of Beech Leaf Disease in Howard County.

Pollack is pleased with the recent bike-friendly changes to Tamar Drive and thanked residents for attending the meeting.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Avery left the meeting prior to presenting a report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Addo provided the Board with correspondence, which is attached to the original minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Nina Basu, Chair

Kristina Strakna, Board Secretary