

# **Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting December 8, 2011**

Approved: December 22, 2011

A meeting of the Columbia Association Board of Directors was held on December 8, 2011, at 7:32 p.m. at the Columbia Association building. Present were the Chair, Michael Cornell, and members Alex Hekimian, Ed Coleman, Suzanne Waller, Phil Kirsch, Tom Coale, Andy Stack, Gregg Schwind (who arrived at 7:56 p.m.) and Shari Zaret (via telephone starting at 7:57 p.m.); and Staff Liaisons Rob Goldman, Marc Kolp, Chick Rhodehamel, and Susan Krabbe (who arrived at 8:27 p.m.); and President Phillip Nelson.

**2. Board Monitoring Form** The Board monitoring form will be sent via email in the morning; the Board members were reminded to fill it out and send it back.

**3. Announcement of Closed/Special Meetings Held/to be Held** There were no closed meetings to report.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

**Action:** Ms. Waller moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Kirsch seconded. Mr. Hekimian asked that item 9(a)1.c. be removed from the Planning and Strategy Committee's agenda and placed on the Board's agenda as item 8.b., Other Recommendations for Action, because the PSC had made a recommendation to the Board on this item. Mr. Stack asked that the Lakefront Presentation (item 9(a)1.a.) be made after the Chairman's Remarks (item #7). The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Vote: 7-0-0

For: Ms. Waller; and Messrs. Cornell, Hekimian, Coleman, Kirsch, Coale, and Stack  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**5. Approval of Minutes**

**Action:** Ms. Waller moved to approve the minutes of November 22, 2011, and Mr. Kirsch seconded. Mr. Hekimian asked that a correction be made on line 72, changing "Tom Coleman" to "Tom Coale." He also asked that a correction be made on line 42, changing the "y" to an "i" on the last letter of Paul Verchinski's name. The minutes were approved unanimously as amended.

Vote: 7-0-0

For: Ms. Waller; and Messrs. Cornell, Hekimian, Coleman, Kirsch, Coale, and Stack  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**6. Resident Speakout** There were three residents for Resident Speakout.

(a) Barry Miller of Owen Brown voiced his concerns about the proposed schedule for the dredging of Lake Elkhorn, specifically 6 days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.

- (b) Paul Verchinski of Oakland Mills spoke on behalf of CA's Senior Advisory Committee referred to a memo dated December 9<sup>th</sup> and asked that the sentiment expressed (requiring everyone to contribute some amount to a membership) be applied to CA employees' free Package Plan membership.
- (c) Russ Swatek of Long Reach asked that repairs in the Lakefront area be kept to a minimum.

**7. Chairman's Remarks** The Chair congratulated River Hill High School on winning the state football championship for its division.

Ms. Waller moved that the Board send a congratulatory letter to River Hill High School, amending that to a request that it be put on the Tracking Form.

Mr. Schwind arrived at 7:56 p.m.

Ms. Zaret joined the meeting via telephone at 7:57 p.m.

**9. Committee Agendas**

**a. Planning and Strategy Committee**

**1. Discussion**

- a. Lakefront Presentation** Cy Paumier presented a concept for developing CA's Lakefront space.

**8. Recommendations for Board Action**

- (a) Consent Agenda** There was none.

**(b) Other Recommendations for Action**

**1. Senior Discount**

**Action:** Ms. Waller moved, and Mr. Stack seconded that this item be tabled until the December 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting when it could be discussed in the context of program offerings for Seniors. The motion passed.

Vote: 5-4-0

For: Ms. Waller; and Messrs. Cornell, Coleman, Kirsch, and Stack

Against: Ms. Zaret; Messrs. Coale, Schwind, and Hekimian

Abstain: None

**9. Committee Agendas**

**(a) Planning and Strategy Committee**

**1. Discussion**

**(b) Policy Statement re: Membership Rates and Fees**

**Action:** After some discussion, Ms. Zaret moved and Mr. Coleman seconded that the committee recommend to the Board approval of policy statements 1 through 7 on membership rates and fees, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote: 3-0-0

For: Ms. Zaret and Messrs. Coleman and Hekimian  
Against: None  
Abstain: None

**Action:** Mr. Stack moved, and Ms. Waller seconded that the rules be waived to permit the Board to vote on these policy statements tonight. The motion failed.

Vote: 2-7-0

For: Ms. Waller and Mr. Schwind  
Against: Ms. Zaret; Messrs. Hekimian, Coleman, Cornell, Kirsch, Coale, and Stack  
Abstain: None

(d) **Committee Tracking Form** The PSC's Chair addressed the committee Tracking Form.

2. **Chair's Report** There was none.

(b) **Strategic Implementation Committee**

1. **Chair's Report** There was none.

(c) **External Relations Committee**

1. **Chair's Report** Mr. Stack announced that the meet-and-greet dinner with the County Executive and County Council would be held on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Arts Center. He then gave an extensive presentation on the preliminary findings on the Village Allocation Share.

(d) **Board Operations Committee**

1. **Chair's Report** There was none.

## 10. Tracking Forms

(a) **Tracking Form for Board Requests** This item was not addressed.

(b) **Tracking Form for Resident Requests** This item was not addressed.

11. **Talking Points** The Recording Secretary, Erin Gilland Roby, read the Talking Points.

## 12. Adjournment

Mr. Kirsch moved and Ms. Waller seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously and adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Erin Gilland Roby  
Recording Secretary