

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting October 13, 2011

Approved: October 27, 2011

A meeting of the Columbia Association Board of Directors was held on Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 7:41 p.m. at the Columbia Association building. Present were the Chair, Michael Cornell, and members Alex Hekimian, Ed Coleman, Phil Kirsch, Tom Coale, Andy Stack, Cynthia A.S.H. Coyle, Shari Zaret, Suzanne Waller, and Gregg Schwind; and Staff Liaisons Rob Goldman, Marc Kolp, Susan Krabbe, and Chick Rhodehamel; and President Phillip Nelson.

2. Board Monitoring Form The Board monitoring form will be sent via email in the morning; the Board members were asked to fill it out and send it back. Marc Kolp reminded the Board that next Wednesday they would receive the Quarterly Survey.

3. Announcement of Closed/Special Meetings Held/to be Held There was one closed meeting to report:
The Board of Directors held a closed meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2011. The closed meeting was authorized under the Maryland Homeowners Act, Md. Code, Real Property § 11B-111 (4) (iii) consultation with legal counsel on legal matters. The vote to close was 8-1-0, with Board members Michael Cornell, Ed Coleman, Phil Kirsch, Tom Coale, Cynthia A.S.H. Coyle, Shari Zaret, Suzanne Waller, and Gregg Schwind all voting for closure, and Alex Hekimian voting against. Andy Stack was not present for the vote, arriving during the meeting at 7:13 p.m. The meeting was closed from 6:52 p.m. until 7:33 p.m.

4. Approval of the Agenda
Action: Ms. Waller moved to approve the agenda and Ms. Coyle seconded. Mr. Stack asked that an item be added on the External Relations Committee agenda regarding the appointment of candidates to the Watershed Advisory Committee. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

Vote: 10-0-0

For: Mses. Zaret, Waller, and Coyle; and Messrs. Cornell, Hekimian, Coleman, Kirsch, Schwind, Coale, and Stack

Against: None

Abstain: None

5. Approval of Minutes There were none.

6. Resident Speakout There were two residents for Resident Speakout.

(a) Tom Scott of Wilde Lake, spoke about budget allocations on the pre-budget document.

(b) Martha Szollas of Harpers Choice spoke about the tot lot on Endymion Lane.

7. Chairman's Remarks Mr. Cornell reported that the Board had received a petition from residents regarding Splashdown. There is also a card from a former Board member. He thanked the Board members who submitted information regarding the budget to Susan Krabbe. He also asked the Board to think strategically on such issues as aging infrastructure, using Village center space to provide amenities, partnering opportunities, leveraging converging technologies, and transportation.

8. Recommendations for Board Action

(a) Consent Agenda There was none.

(b) Other Recommendations for Action

1. Approval of Vision Statement for Symphony Woods Park (Carried over from September 22, 2011)

Action: After making a few grammatical corrections, Ms. Coyle moved that the Board adopt the amended version of the Vision Statement for Symphony Woods Park, and Ms. Waller seconded. She then amended it to say (in the third paragraph), "A beautiful woodland gathering place..." Ms. Zaret suggested a friendly amendment for the second sentence in the first paragraph so that it reads, "It will be a meeting ground for people that celebrates...." The amendments were approved.

Vote: 7-3-0

For: Mses. Zaret, Waller, and Coyle; and Messrs. Cornell, Coleman, Coale, and Stack

Against: Messrs. Hekimian, Kirsch, Schwind

Abstain: None

The Board approved the Vision Statement for Symphony Woods Parks as amended.

Vote: 8-2-0

For: Mses. Zaret, Waller, and Coyle; and Messrs. Cornell, Coleman, Coale, Kirsch, and Stack

Against: Messrs. Hekimian and Schwind

Abstain: None

9. Committee Agendas

(a) Planning and Strategy Committee

1. Budget Direction Work session

(a) Budget Direction Work session on Board and Staff Major Capital Projects and New Initiatives, and Village Associations' and Advisory Committees' Requests The committee discussed the proposed budget items and took numerous straw polls to determine needed changes to the document. The committee will continue working on this document at its October 20, 2011, meeting.

2. Committee Tracking Form This item was not addressed.

3. Chair's Report The chair requested that everyone come to the meeting on October 20th to continue the work session.

(b) Strategic Implementation Committee

1. Chair's Report There was none.

(c) External Relations Committee

1. Waiver—Alcohol for Key Stakeholders Dinner

Action: Ms. Coyle moved, and Mr. Coale seconded that the alcohol policy be re-drafted to allow alcohol at key stakeholder events. After discussion, the committee felt that a better approach would be to have the Board waive the policy for the upcoming stakeholders dinners and also ask the staff to re-draft the policy. The committee then voted down the original motion.

Vote: 0-3-0

For: None

Against: Ms. Coyle; and Messrs. Coale and Stack

Abstain: None

Action: Ms. Coyle moved, and Mr. Coale seconded that the committee recommend to the Board that it waive the alcohol policy to allow alcohol at the upcoming four key stakeholders dinners. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote: 3-0-0

For: Ms. Coyle; and Messrs. Coale and Stack

Against: None

Abstain: None

Action: The committee asked the staff to re-write the policy and bring it to the committee for action.

2. Watershed Advisory Committee Appointments

(a) River Hill

Action: Ms. Coyle moved, and Mr. Coale seconded that the committee recommend to the Board that it approve the appointment of the River Hill candidate, Dipper Wettstein, to the Watershed Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote: 3-0-0

For: Ms. Coyle; and Messrs. Coale and Stack

Against: None

Abstain: None

(b) At-Large

Action: Ms. Coyle moved, and Mr. Coale seconded that the committee recommend to the Board that it approve the appointment of the At-Large candidate, Rhoda Toback, to the Watershed Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Vote: 3-0-0

For: Ms. Coyle; and Messrs. Coale and Stack

Against: None

Abstain: None

3. Chair's Report The Chair, Andy Stack, reported that the ERC had met with all of the individual Village Boards.

The Board voted on the SIC and ERC recommendations:

- A. The Board unanimously accepted the ERC's recommendation that it waive the rules on alcohol usage at the four key stakeholders' dinners.

Vote: 10-0-0

For: Mses. Zaret, Waller, and Coyle; and Messrs. Cornell, Hekimian, Coleman, Kirsch, Schwind, Coale, and Stack

Against: None

Abstain: None

- B. The Board unanimously accepted the ERC's recommendation that it approve the appointment of the At-Large candidate, Rhoda Toback, to the Watershed Advisory Committee.

Vote: 10-0-0

For: Mses. Zaret, Waller, and Coyle; and Messrs. Cornell, Hekimian, Coleman, Kirsch, Schwind, Coale, and Stack

Against: None

Abstain: None

- C. The Board unanimously accepted the ERC's recommendation that it approve the appointment of the River Hill candidate, Dipper Wettstein, to the Watershed Advisory Committee.

Vote: 10-0-0

For: Mses. Zaret, Waller, and Coyle; and Messrs. Cornell, Hekimian, Coleman, Kirsch, Schwind, Coale, and Stack

Against: None

Abstain: None

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(d) Board Operations Committee

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

10. Non-Strategic Issues for Board Consideration There was no discussion on this item.

11. Tracking Forms

- (a) Tracking Form for Board Requests** Two items from the budget discussion will be added.

- (b) Tracking Form for Resident Requests** The issue of the tot lot needs to be added.

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

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Gilland Roby
Recording Secretary