

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021

THIS WAS A VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM DUE TO COVID-19

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members, Fred Niziol, Melissa Hogle, Ferzana Havewala and CA Board Representative Shari Zaret were present. Jeff Richmond and John Woodson were absent. Village Manager Beverley Meyers and Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney were also present. Captain Terrence Benn of the Howard County Police Department and resident Stacey Kopnitsky were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

*Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the agenda for May 19, 2021. The motion passed unanimously. Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Stacey Kopnitsky expressed her concern with an in home business that is parking commercial vehicles, including large transport trucks, on residential streets in Macgill's Common. The resident has already been in contact with Police on several occasions regarding this issue. Captain Benn from Southern District was present and answered some questions. He will investigate further with his Traffic Dept. Stacey also asked about tall grass and how those violations are handled.

MEET AND GREET WITH CAPTAIN TERRENCE BENN-SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Captain Terrence Benn attended the board meeting in order to introduce himself to the board members as the new Commander of the Southern District. He gave an update on the village and answered several questions from the board and from resident Stacey Kopnitsky.

Barb invited him to attend board meetings two times a year.

VILLAGE BOARD PRIORITIES FOR HOWARD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

The board discussed priorities to add to the list that the county has requested from the villages.

Shari would like to add funding for deer and tick control in Kings Contrivance. This will be a Midterm goal. Ferzana would like the county to look into installing more traffic control at the corner of Old Columbia Road and Guilford Road. Shari had also mentioned further traffic control at the intersection of Shaker Drive and Seneca Drive, the bridge that crosses RT29. Bev will add it to the short term goals.

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Melissa spoke about her concerns about CA contracting with solar panel companies that are known to use forced labor in China. Bev will check again with CA regarding the origins of the solar panels used by companies that CA hired.

Ferzana asked about the village's lack of formal support for the "streets for all" program by the county. The Board recalled hearing a presentation a few years ago when the program was in its early stages. The Board had decided not to take any stance at that time.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Shari attended the HoCo by Design meeting and shared some of the resident views and ideas that she heard. Barb and Ferzana also attended and shared their thoughts as well.

Shari reported on CA Board including the following:

- Janet Evans was elected Chair of the CA Board
- CA is conducting a nationwide search for new General Counsel.
- Shari is working with CA's Watershed Advisory Committee again and is one of the CA Board Representatives, together with Lin Eagen, to sit on the Inner Arbor Trust Board.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Barb had no report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

ADJOURNMENT

*At 9:01 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney  
Operations Coordinator