

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

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

APPROVED _____

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members Fred Niziol, Jeff Richmond, Melissa Hogle, Ferzana Havewala and John Woodson were present, as well as Village Manager Beverley Meyers and Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney. CA Board Representative Shari Zaret was absent. Also in attendance was resident Steve Beck. Maryland State Senator Guy Guzzone and Maryland State Delegates Jen Terrasa, Vanessa Atterbeary and Shane Pendergrass attended as well.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa to approve the agenda for October 20, 2021. The motion passed unanimously. Fred made a motion, seconded by Ferzana, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting. Melissa abstained and the motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Resident Steve Beck spoke about his concern for door-to-door solicitors. There was discussion whether solicitors could be regulated by the Village and how they are currently regulated by Howard County.

UPDATE FROM HOWARD COUNTY STATE LEGISLATORS

After introductions, the Maryland State legislators gave an update on legislation that was passed and/or was worked on during the 2021 session.

Senator Guzzone said that 2021 was the most productive year the legislature has ever had. Senator Guzzone, currently Chair of the Budget and Taxation Committee, spoke about legislation concerning taxing internet sales, distribution of Federal Aid from the CARES Act, and reported that the Kirwin Commission on education is funded through 2027. Senator Guzzone responded to several questions from board members about funding infrastructure and congressional districts.

Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee, worked on police reform which included restructured accountability, recruitment incentives body cameras for officers and better mental health care. Delegate Atterbeary also worked on passing background checks for rifles and shot guns and expanded Peace Orders to include workplaces.

Delegate Jen Terrasa, member of the Environment and Transportation committee, updated the board on the legislation that she worked on last session including eviction prevention legislation, electric car charging legislation and the restarting of the Pesticide Recycling Program.

Delegate Shane Pendergrass spoke about how COVID and vaccines exposed racial and economic disparity in health care.

DONATION TO GRASSROOTS

After discussion, *Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve a donation of \$150 to Grassroots Crisis intervention Center. The motion passed unanimously.*

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Melissa spoke about the recent traffic fatality on Vollmerhausen Road. She noted that speeding has been an issue in this area in the past and has discussed it with the police and the board several times. There was discussion of different ways that speeding could be addressed by the county.

John announced the Hammond High Boosters will hold their fundraising gala on November 12 at Savage Mill.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Barb had no report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

Fred made a motion, seconded by John to approve the donation of One Free Use of Amherst House to the Hammond High School Boosters to be used as an auction item at the Hammond High School Boosters Gala.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney
Operations Coordinator