

## KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

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

APPROVED: April 6, 2022

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members Fred Niziol, Melissa Hogle, John Woodson, Jeff Richmond, Ferzana Havewala and CA Board Representative Shari Zaret were present, as well as Village Manager Beverley Meyers and Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney. Columbia Association President Lakey Boyd, Chief of Howard County Traffic Engineering Division Jennifer Biddle, Councilwoman Christiana Rigby, Collete Gelwicks, Special Assistant to Councilwoman Rigby, Community Resource Officer Casey Viou and Sgt. Honablew were also in attendance, as well as residents Pearl Seidman, Megan Williams, Richard Briggs, Robert Luke, Keith Sinclair, Stephanie Wall, Jen Beckstrom, Chris Ward, Konnie Pelletier and Denise Worrell.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

*Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the agenda for March 16, 2022. The motion passed unanimously. Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

### RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Resident Pearl Seidman spoke about her concerns regarding littering, trash and debris around the county. She has spoken to several delegates about this. The Board agreed that this is a continuous problem that needs to be addressed. Megan Williams, from the County Executive's Office, noted that "Live Green Howard" and "Trash Free Maryland" are useful resources and lobbying State representatives for additional funding would help. Councilwoman Rigby noted that the purpose of the County's plastic bag tax is plastic reduction and the funds raised through the bag tax can be used by groups who have innovative ideas to combat littering.

### CA PRESIDENT LAKEY BOYD

CA President, Lakey Boyd gave an update on Columbia Association. Highlighted items included:

- FY2023 budget was passed and is available on the CA website
- CA Aquatics is on track to open all 23 outdoor pools; more summer staff members needed.
- CA has created a new position, Community Engagement Manager
- Incremental updates will be made to the website.
- A new payment system is being implemented in the fall.
- The budget for Capital Projects will increase.
- CA received some grants and tax credits at the end of FY2022.

### HOWARD COUNTY TRAFFIC DIVISION – TRAFFIC ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE

Jennifer Biddle, Chief of Howard County Traffic Engineering Division, addressed residents' concerns about traffic in the village. There were four major areas of concern that were discussed.

- Speeding on Vollmerhausen Road – due to the classification of the road, cannot install traffic calming like speed bumps on a road with speed limit over 25mph. Speed cameras are only allowed in school zones currently in Howard County. Speed advisory signs can be used temporarily, and this will be looked into. Permanent use has not been authorized for this area as of now. These signs are not enforcement though.
- High school students crossing at Blue Sea Drive and Guilford Road – doesn't meet the eligibility requirements for a traffic signal, there are no crossing guards slated for high schools per public

school policy. Parents are stopping in live traffic to drop off students which is very dangerous. Upon completion of the new bus loop, further review of the need to move the crosswalk can take place.

- Bridge over Rt 29 at Seneca Drive and Shaker Drive – ramps and bridges are maintained by the State Highway Administration. Jennifer completed a study and will send to State Highways.
- Old Columbia Road at Guilford Road – a buffered bike lane will be put in on Old Columbia Road, does not meet the criteria for 4-way stop signs or light. There may be funding in FY23 County budget for resurfacing and the bike lane and 5ft. buffer to take place which could visually narrow Old Columbia Rd. Additional turn lanes could also be added in the short term. There have been 2 accidents in 5 years that have been reported.
- More police presence will be requested in the area of the school during school peak times and along Vollmerhausen Rd.

### DRAFT BUDGET FY23

After discussion, *Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the FY2023 Draft Budget. The motion passed unanimously.*

### CAPITAL PURCHASE - COPIER

*Melissa made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the purchase of a new copier, Kyocera 3554ci from Quality Business Solutions. The motion passed unanimously.*

### BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

John reported that the CA pathway next to the new Wildwood development is still flooded, leaving it caked with dirt and mud. In the freezing weather it is covered in ice. Lakey will follow up with John McCoy and follow up with Bev.

Melissa mentioned her concern about safety due to e-scooters now being allowed on the CA pathways. Lakey noted that the contract is between the e-scooter company and Howard County. Speed will be regulated on the pathways.

Ferzana suggested that the Crown Prints election issue be mailed to village households so that every resident will receive a ballot.

### COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Shari reported on the most recent CA Board meeting. Some key topics discussed were:

- Easements.
- Lake Front North development.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

The was no Chair's report.

### MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

### ADJOURNMENT

*At 9:46 p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney  
Operations Coordinator