

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2023
THIS WAS AN IN-PERSON MEETING AT AMHERST HOUSE

APPROVED:

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members Melissa Hogle, Jeff Richmond, Madeleine Borowski, and Vivian Feen were present, Board member Carol Huegel and KC Columbia Council Rep, Keith O'Neil were absent. Also present were Village Manager Beverley Meyers and Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney. In addition, Jason Heath, Columbia Association Capital Improvements, Paige Goldscher, District Aide in Councilwoman Rigby's office, Paul Thompson, Howard County Director of Constituent Services and Community Partnerships, and residents Wayne Davis, Khalilah Hall, and Khaalis Hall were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND BOARD MINUTES

Melissa made a motion, seconded by Vivian, to approve the agenda for July 19, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa made a motion, seconded by Madeleine, to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on June 7, 2023. Jeff abstained and the motion passed.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Khalilah and Khaalis Hall asked about the process for having a gaga ball court installed at the Meadow on CA Open Space in Macgill's Common.

Khalilah said there is a lot of interest from neighborhood parents, and she has collected over 80 signatures petitioning for the court. Jason Heath, from CA, said that CA will have to approve the installation and recommended that the Board send a letter of support to CA. After discussion, *Melissa made a motion, seconded by Vivian, to send a letter from the Board to CA in support of having a gaga ball court installed on CA property in our village. The motion passed unanimously.* Bev will check with CA on the process.

Wayne Davis asked for an update on the proposed improvements to the Patuxent Branch Trail. Paige Goldscher responded that the plans will be finished by this fall; work is scheduled to start in spring 2024. If there are any meetings/opportunities for resident input, Paige will let Bev know so that residents can be made aware. The County came to a board meeting in July 2022 with the latest plans. The paving is scheduled for Fall 2024.

Wayne also spoke against the proposed Lake Elkhorn Stream Restoration Project.

Paul Thomas introduced himself as the new Howard County Director of Constituent Services and Community Partnerships.

CA UPDATE

Jason Heath, CA Capital Improvements, gave an update on Columbia Association's past and current projects, including Lakefest.
See attached.

APPROVAL OF UPDATED FY2023 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORTS

After discussion, *Melissa made a motion, seconded by Jeff, to approve the updated End of Year Financial Report for FY2023. The motion passed unanimously.* This reflects the change to the schedule to compute cash reserves limitation for the villages in light of CA Board's vote to exempt ERTC funds from the calculation.

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Madeleine suggested the board should brainstorm ways to be more accessible to residents, such as partnering with village merchants to host a meet and greet. She also suggested contacting Hammond High School to see if a school group would sponsor the Haunted House that used to be placed in the village center courtyard and run by the Hammond High School music department.

Melissa asked about temporary speed signs that were recently placed on Vollmerhausen Road for a few days. Bev will check into this. There was also a temporary speed sign on Kindler Road.

Barb asked that Bev invite Hammond High principal, Raymona Reid, to a future board meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Barb had no report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

Item #7 – After discussion, the board decided not to hold board meetings this August.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:25p.m. a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney
Operations Coordinator