

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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, Vivian Feen and KC Columbia Council Rep, Keith O'Neil were present. Board member Carol Huegel was absent. Also present were Village Manager Beverley Meyers, Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney and Covenant Advisor Aileen McNamara. In addition, Jason Heath, Columbia Association Capital Improvements, and Kate Reilly, KC CARES were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND BOARD MINUTES

*Melissa made a motion, seconded by Vivian, to approve the agenda for September 6, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Jeff made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on July 19, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.*

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

There were no residents for resident Speak Out

KC CARES UPDATE

Kate Reilly, KC CARES, gave an update on the activities of KC CARES, including:

- The KC CARES newsletter goes out to 269 emails
- The series of village landscaping tours drew 60-70 attendees at each location
- There are nine active Adopt-a-Spots in Kings Contrivance
- 500 native plants will be planted in KC this fall
- They are hosting a fall native plant give away on September 23 at Amherst House during the flea market

RAC REAPPOINTMENT

*Madeleine made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to reappoint the following members of the Resident Architectural Committee (RAC): Ed Gordon, Nick Fessenden, Jason Protheroe, Michele Mercer and Scott Llewellyn. The motion passed unanimously.*

CA UPDATE

Jason Heath, CA Capital Improvements, gave an update on Columbia Association's past and current projects, including:

- Digital sign-in is now available for racquet sports
- The ice rink has reopened as of August 14
- Susan Krabbe, Columbia Association CFO, was named one of the top 25 CFOs in Maryland
- A portion of the path around Wilde Lake was repaved
- Three Pickleball courts opened in Gateway
- Investigating installing a Gaga Ball pit near KC24 in Macgill's Common Meadow area
- Drainage improvements on Setting Sun Way
- KC13 Tot Lot renovation is complete
- Will be working on path from Amherst House to Sweet Hours way to address erosion issues

CA FY2025 BUDGET PRIORITIES

After discussion, the Board decided that the Splashpad installation and bathroom improvements at Macgill's Common Pool should be put forth to CA as our top priorities for the FY25 CA Budget.

#### APPROVAL OF FY2024 QUARTER 1 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bev reported on the current financial position. *Vivian made a motion, seconded by Madeleine, to approve the first quarter reports and quarterly budget as presented for FY24. The motion passed unanimously.* Keith asked about the audit that is required by CA; he asked if the villages compare results. Bev said that the villages do not compare data among themselves; she does not know if CA compares the audit information received from each village.

#### BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Barb asked about the timeline of the video/sound system installation. Bev said the equipment has been ordered.

Hammond High School invited the KC Board to walk in the Homecoming Parade on October 14. Madeleine confirmed that she will walk, and several other board members are interested.

Jeff announced that he will resign from the Board in January 2024.

Keith wanted an update on how KIMCO was assisting village merchants with marketing.

#### COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Keith gave a CA Board update, including:

- The Board did not meet in August
- Discussing restructuring the agenda to include changes to resident speak out
- Looking for a vendor to begin the search for a new CA President
- Discussing Inner Arbor Trust and funding/grants

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

Barb had no report.

#### MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney  
Operations Coordinator