

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024
THIS WAS AN IN-PERSON MEETING AT AMHERST HOUSE

APPROVED:

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members Carol Huegel, Madeleine Borowski, Vivian Feen and Fred Niziol were present. KC Columbia Council Rep. Paul Rader and board member Melissa Hogle were absent. Also present were Village Manager Beverley Meyers, Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney, District Aide from Councilwoman Rigby's office, Paige Goldscher, CA Capital Improvement's Jason Heath, KC CARES representative Kate Reilly, and Howard County Strategic Outreach Coordinator Vikki Garcia, as well as residents Joseph Linden and Jerry Ueckermann.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND BOARD MINUTES

Fred made a motion, seconded by Vivian, to approve the agenda for August 7, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Fred made a motion, seconded by Madeleine, to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on July 17, 2024, with changes to the wording under Management Contract with CA, and additions to Unspent ERTC Policy and Board Member Speak Out. The motion passed unanimously.

Melissa made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the minutes from the Architectural Appeal meeting held on July 17, 2024. Carol abstained and the motion passed.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Jerry Ueckermann expressed his concern with speeding on Vollmerhausen Road. He asked about speed bumps and speed cameras. Paige explained that speed bumps can't be installed on Vollmerhausen Road because of its classification (major collector); in Howard County, speed cameras are only allowed in school zones.

Joe Linden explained that he is advocating for a pedestrian/bike bridge to be built over the Middle Patuxent River to connect the dead end of Eden Brook Drive to the section of Kindler Road on the other side of the river that is in Gorman Park. This will make it safer for cyclists to get to that area. Joe has already spoken with the county about the idea. He asked the Board to write a letter of support to the county; the Board agreed and Bev will draft a letter for review at the next meeting. A feasibility study is already in this year's county budget for this project.

KC CARES UPDATE

Kate gave an update on KC CARES:

- Their newsletter has over 400 subscribers
- They received another \$1000 grant from MD State; Owen Brown and Wilde Lake CARES groups also received grants.
- They received a donation of trees from Howard County and deer protection for the trees from Columbia Association. KC CARES will plant the trees.
- Kate created a flyer for residents with information about living near or next to Open Space. This flyer is being used by CA.

CA UPDATE

Jason Heath, CA Capital Improvements, gave an update on Columbia Association.

- CA pathways in Macgill's Common are being repaved. Donleigh Drive to Cape Ann Drive is complete. Cape Ann Drive to South Carlinda Drive will begin in the fall.
- Supreme Sports Club is still under renovation. Jason will check on the completion date and let Beverley know.

- CA received a \$35,000 grant to install a pollinator garden at Lake Elkhorn.
- The County repaved Atholton park and repaved the Bushranger Path in the process.
- CA is renovating/evaluating Tot Lots. CA will discuss further at the September 18 board meeting. Carol mentioned that a Tot Lot near her needs renovation; Carol will check the Tot Lot number and Jason will look at it.
- Guardrails at Sweet Hours will be replaced with brown metal guardrails on August 26.
- Midnight Mini Golf is scheduled for three dates this fall.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH CA

Bev presented the timeline and the working copy of the management contract with CA.

Barb spoke about her conversations with the other village board chairs about the management contract.

Bev and Barb will keep the Board updated as negotiations progress, and the Board will review details of the contract at a future board meeting.

BOARD GOALS/UNSPENT ERTC POLICY

After lengthy discussion, the Board updated the Board goals for FY25. Carol offered to rewrite/update the Board goals with the agreed upon changes. The updated goals will be voted on at a future Board Meeting.

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Carol asked Jason about the lack of lighting in the parking lot at the Athletic Club. Jason said a CA sustainability member inspected the parking lot with a light meter and no added lighting was needed. Jason said he will check out the lighting again.

Carol spoke about the danger of the narrow sidewalk along Guilford Road from Hammond High to the light at Broken Land Pkwy. Paige will check on the county plan to expand that area of sidewalk. Paige mentioned that the crosswalk in front of Hammond High School cannot be moved to Blue Sea Drive because no sidewalk exists on the other side of the street. The county has been working on that issue for many years with residents who own the adjacent property.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Paul was not in attendance. See attached report.

CHAIR'S REPORT

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:38p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney
Operations Coordinator