

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024
THIS WAS AN IN-PERSON MEETING AT AMHERST HOUSE

APPROVED:

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:54pm by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members Melissa Hogle, Carol Huegel, Madeleine Borowski, Vivian Feen, Fred Niziol, and KC Columbia Council Rep. Paul Rader were present. Also present were Village Manager Beverley Meyers, Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney, RAC member Ed Gordon, and Howard County Strategic Outreach Coordinator Vikki Garcia.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND BOARD MINUTES

Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the agenda for July 17, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on June 5, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Vikki Garcia, Strategic Outreach Coordinator for the Howard County Executive, introduced herself. Ms. Garcia explained that she is the liaison for the County Executive to the Columbia Villages.

MANAGEMENT CONTRACT WITH CA

The village managers have begun discussing changes to the new management contract with CA; the current contract ends on April 30, 2025. Bev explained the process to the Board. CA has presented the proposed document to the Village Managers and a timeline has been developed for negotiation and approval. The Village Managers are currently reviewing the documents as well as the Village Boards. Carol asked that throughout this process, details of the managers' discussions be maintained and available to the board. Barb said that the Board Chairs are meeting on July 19 to discuss the management contract.

UNSPENT ERTC POLICY

The board discussed ideas for the ERTC money. Proposals included updating our social media presence, revamping the Crown Prints newsletter, hosting "Meet the Board" events, and hiring office staff.

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Madeleine said she wants the board to start building relationships with the village center merchants with possible focus on highlighting each of them in future newsletters. Madeleine also suggested further discussion, at a future meeting date, about food trucks in the village center.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Paul spoke about the last two CA Board meetings.

At the June 26 meeting:

- Paul was appointed to the CA Board of Directors; Shawn MacInnes was appointed as CA Board President/CEO.
- Discussed CA Strategic Plan
- Discussed FY26 budget schedule
- Approved easement requests
- Discussed Management Contract between CA and Columbia Villages.

At the July 3 meeting:

- Paul was appointed to the audit committee

CA is hosting a Meet & Greet on July 25 @ Offshore.

CHAIR'S REPORT

None

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

The Board will honor Kate Reilly as Volunteer of the Year and Ted Bauer as Good Neighbor of the Year. They will be honored at the Volunteer Dinner on September 8.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:24p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney
Operations Coordinator