

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024
THIS WAS AN IN-PERSON MEETING AT AMHERST HOUSE

APPROVED:

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Melissa Hogle, Board Vice Chair. Board members Vivian Feen, Fred Niziol, Carol Huegel and KC Columbia Council Rep. Paul Rader were present. Board Chair Barbara Seely and Board member Madeleine Borowski were absent. Also present were Village Manager Beverley Meyers, Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney, Howard County Strategic Outreach Coordinator Vikki Garcia, CA Capital Improvement's Jason Heath, and Janet Cornick, member of CA's Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND BOARD MINUTES

Fred made a motion, seconded by Carol, to approve the agenda for November 6, 2024, with a change in item order. Agenda item 4 will be heard after item 7. The motion passed unanimously.

Fred made a motion, seconded by Vivian, to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on October 16, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Janet Cornick spoke about the programs that CA's Aging Well in Columbia Advocacy Committee hosts at the East Columbia 50+ Center. The committee would like to increase attendance and learn from seniors what kind of programs/speakers they are interested in. Janet asked for our help in advertising events in the Crown Prints and on social media.

CA UPDATE

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

- CA has a new portal for members that can be used to manage memberships, book classes, and reserve facilities. It will launch November 19.
- KC20 Tot Lot by Wayover Way: a three-part chin up bar was added to its new layout plan.
- CA will present the first draft of FY26 Budget at the November 14, 2024, CA Board meeting.
- CA will host a webinar concerning the FY26 Budget on November 18, 2024.

APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR 2025

Bev presented the proposed 2025 holiday schedule. *Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the 2025 holiday schedule. The motion passed unanimously.*

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Carol mentioned that the Kindler Road neighborhood has a "Parade of Witches" around Halloween every year; she suggested we advertise it next year.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Paul gave a CA Board update, including:

- CA will present the first draft of FY26 Budget at the November 14, 2024, CA Board meeting.
- Several KC residents have contacted him requesting more deer management in the village.
- Volunteers for KC CARES planted 150 native trees throughout Kings Contrivance.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Barb was not present.

UNSPENT ERTC

Bev explained the position of our cash reserves and investments. She also listed necessary upcoming improvements to Amherst House. After discussion, the Board decided on three priorities on which to spend the ERTC funds. Bev will investigate costs for each priority. *Fred made a motion, seconded by Carol, to approve additional emergency reserves to cover three months of payroll, building improvements to include replacement flooring and new banquet chairs, and marketing as the top three priorities for the use of the ERTC funds. The motion passed unanimously.*

Carol will prepare ideas on marketing.

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:47p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney
Operations Coordinator