KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

THIS WAS AN IN-PERSON MEETING AT AMHERST HOUSE

APPROVED: February 5, 2025

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Melissa Hogle, Board Vice Chair. Board members Vivian Feen, Carol Huegel, Madeleine Borowski and KC Columbia Council Rep. Paul Rader were present. Board Chair Barbara Seely, Board member Fred Niziol, and Village Manager Beverley Meyers were absent. Also present were Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney, Howard County Strategic Outreach Coordinator Vikki Garcia, District Aide from Councilwoman Rigby’s office, Paige Goldscher, Howard County Police representatives PFC Matthew Paul and Cpl. Andrew Saffran, as well as several residents.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND BOARD MINUTES

*Carol made a motion, seconded by Madeleine, to approve the agenda for January 15, 2025.* The motion passed unanimously.

*Madeleine made a motion, seconded by Vivian, to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on November 20, 2024.* Carol abstained, and the motion passed.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Joe Linden explained that he is still 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. Funding for the feasibility study is not in the current budget. Joe asked the Board to write a second letter of support to the county for a feasibility study to be included in the next budget cycle. The Board agreed to discuss it at the next meeting when all members are present.

HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY UPDATE

PFC Matthew Paul and Cpl. Andrew Saffron presented crime statistics in the village for the previous month. (see attached)

Residents and Board members expressed areas of concern about traffic and speeding, particularly Shaker Drive, Vollmerhausen Road, and the intersection of Guilford Road & Old Columbia Road. HCPD agreed to add speed enforcement patrols in those areas. Our Community Outreach officer will follow up with results.

The Community Outreach Officer for the village, PFC Corey Frock, was unable to attend the meeting.

PFC Paul noted that HCPD is working with the county to increase the fines for commercial vehicles parked in residential areas.

APPROVAL OF 2nd QUARTER FY2025 FINANCIAL REPORTS

After a brief discussion, the Board tabled this agenda item.

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

None

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE’S REPORT

Paul gave a CA Board update, including:

* Will vote on the CA Budget at the next meeting.
* Will vote on the five-year strategic plan at the next meeting. You can find the plan on CA’s website.

Paul noted that KC CARES is currently hosting a tree giveaway.

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