

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025
THIS WAS AN IN-PERSON MEETING AT AMHERST HOUSE

APPROVED:

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:34pm by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members Melissa Hogle, Carol Huegel, Vivian Feen, Madeleine Borowski, and Fred Niziol were present. Board member Carol Huegel and KC Columbia Council Rep, Wes Fuhrman were absent. Also present were Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney, Covenant Advisor Aileen McNamara, RAC member Ed Gordon, Howard County Strategic Outreach Coordinator Vikki Garcia and District Aide from Councilwoman Rigby's office, Paige Goldscher, and Kate Reilly from KC CARES.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND BOARD MINUTES

Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the agenda for June 18, 2025, with the removal of Council Rep's Report. The motion passed unanimously. Madeleine made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on June 4, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Kate gave an update on KCCARES. They received grants from the Howard County Forestry and Columbia Association to install arboretum style signs in the Kings Contrivance Adopt-a-Spots to inform residents of the name of each type of plant.

Kate asked that Lanternfly sightings be reported to CA.

COUNCIL BILL 52 AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION 116

The Board discussed the pros and cons of Council Bill 52 and Council Resolution 116, which increase fines for commercial vehicles parked in residential areas. Melissa personally gave testimony at the Council meeting. She is against having smaller-sized vehicles, such as cars and light trucks, in the same category as commercial vehicles. She also believes there should be parking available in the county for commercial vehicles.

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Fred reported that the National Zoo has a program through which the Zoo will take down bamboo in acre-plus patches in the community. However, they will only cut the bamboo, not dig up and remove the roots. The Board discussed the Meet and Greet which will take place on July 10 in the Village Center Courtyard.

CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

Board will not meet July 2

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:11p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney
Operations Coordinator