

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025
THIS WAS AN IN-PERSON MEETING AT AMHERST HOUSE

APPROVED: September 17, 2025

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members Melissa Hogle, 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 Village Manager Beverley Meyers, Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney, District Aide from Councilwoman Rigby's office, Paige Goldscher, and Jason Heath from Columbia Association.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND BOARD MINUTES

Fred made a motion, seconded by Vivian, to approve the agenda for September 3, 2025, with the removal of Council Rep's Report and the addition of Jason Heath: CA Update. The motion passed unanimously. Madeleine made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on August 20, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

none

CA UPDATE – JASON HEATH

Jason gave an update on Columbia Association's recent and upcoming projects and events, including:

- Cape Ann bamboo removal project – next week roots are being removed, dirt replaced, and trees planted
- Tot Lot renovations near Fair Beauty (KC25) have begun
- Tot Lot renovations near Deer Chase (KC24) will begin soon with the creation of a gaga ball court, followed a month later by installation of new play equipment
- Lake Kittamaqundi dredging will begin this fall

APPROVAL OF 1st QUARTER FY2026 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Bev reported on the current financial position and explained variances. After discussion, *Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the first quarter reports as presented for FY26.* The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Fred brought up the criteria for canceling board meetings and the need for a policy. After discussion, *Melissa made a motion, seconded by Fred, that board members must submit any agenda items to the Village Manager at least three business days prior to the meeting date. In the event there are no agenda items, the Board Chair and the Village Manager will decide whether to cancel the board meeting.* The motion passed unanimously.

In the event a meeting is canceled, there will be a statement on the agenda directing residents to contact Amherst House for any urgent matters. Bev reiterated that residents can call Amherst house with any concerns at any time; they do not have to wait for a board meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

The October 1 Board meeting has been canceled in observance of Yom Kippur.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney
Operations Coordinator