

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026  
THIS WAS A HYBRID MEETING

APPROVED: June 17, 2026

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:35pm by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members Madeleine Borowski, Fred Niziol, Carol Huegel, Paul Rader, and Heidi Schweingruber were present; KC Columbia Council Rep Wes Fuhrman was absent. Also present were Village Manager Beverley Meyers, Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney, Residents Kate Reilly, Richard Love, and Jan Jawonski, as well as Cpl. Andrew Saffran and Sergeant John Martin from the Howard County Police Department.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND BOARD MINUTES

*Fred made a motion, seconded by Madeleine, to approve the agenda for May 20, 2026, with the removal of Agenda item #3 (Architectural issue) and Agenda item # 8 (Council Representative's report). The motion passed unanimously.*

*Fred made a motion, seconded by Carol, to approve the minutes from the board meeting held on May 6, 2026, with changes to Carol's Board Member Speak Out. The motion passed unanimously.*

HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY UPDATE

Sergeant John Martin and Cpl. Andrew Saffran spoke about crime in the village. In the last 30 days, HCPD received 164 calls to 911 and the non-emergency number combined. This is low in comparison to some other villages. Areas of concern are around Clocktower Lane and Early April Way which have parking issues, vehicle thefts (a juvenile suspect has been identified) and teens using illegal substances. HCPD are running area checks more often in that part of the village. There was also one recent report of harassment at the village center. The suspect is known in several village centers.

Cpl. Saffran keeps in contact with the security guard at Harris Teeter, as well as the security patrol hired by Kimco, Mid-Atlantic Security.

The Board expressed their concern at the illegal parking issues at the crosswalk near Dickinson Park. HCPD will investigate.

Resident Jeff Richmond noted that he requested a speed survey of Kindler Road and it was completed within a week.

Madeleine and Paul asked how to request a "Security Survey" for a neighborhood. Cpl. Saffran directed them to HCPD.org, click on "Community Outreach", then "Tours, Meetings, and Requests".

Carol asked Cpl. Saffran to look at the recently installed bike lane bollards that are near the firehouse on Old Columbia Road. They cause traffic to back-up, leading to a dangerous situation.

Resident Richard Love asked for patrols in front of Harris Teeter where cars regularly park at the curb and on the sidewalk, creating a dangerous situation for pedestrians. Cpl. Saffran noted that the police can only write tickets if it is a fire lane or designated handicapped.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

Richard Love expressed his concern that Kings Contrivance has no voice at CA as our CA Board member, Wes Fuhrman, has given his proxy vote to the CA Board Chair.

PROCEDURE FOR BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

The Board discussed the proposed policy for sending correspondence from the Board. After discussion, it was decided that the new policy should be as follows:

- The Board will make and approve a motion for the Village Manager to draft a letter and email it to the village board for approval/revision of content.

- at the time of the motion, a determination will be made whether the issue/letter is time sensitive (in which case a 48-hour revision period will be enacted) or non-sensitive (in which case a seven-day revision period will be enacted).
- all questions and comments from board members concerning the emailed draft letter must be “reply-all”
- if there are no changes within the allotted time frame, the letter will be sent as is
- if there are multiple changes, Board members may request a Zoom meeting to discuss and vote on the proposed changes. A quorum is required for the Zoom meeting, and majority will rule for any vote
- the Board Chair will review and approve the final draft
- The letter will be signed from the Board Chair on behalf of the entire Kings Contrivance Village Board
- The Village Manager will send the correspondence to the intended recipient as well as to the Village Board.

This policy will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

### INVESTMENT POLICY

Bev explained that the current Management Contract with Columbia Association now requires an acknowledgment that the Village has an investment policy in place that clearly demonstrates the board’s intent to safeguard funds and manage them prudently. Paul will prepare a draft investment policy using best practices as suggested by CA.

### BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Fred noted that board members are not involved in village resident activities. He feels the board should have policy concerning involvement in community projects.

Fred also feels that the Board should have better time management concerning the meeting agenda’s allotted times.

Fred proposed creating two board committees: resident involvement and updating board policy and procedure.

Madeleine would like to talk about ideas for connecting with residents through social media.

Carol requested the meeting Action Items to be included again in the minutes of the corresponding meeting. Currently, a master list of action items is maintained.

### CHAIR’S REPORT

Barb had no report.

### MANAGER’S REPORT

See attached.

There was discussion of holding a Board meeting on June 3 if there are staff available.

### ADJOURNMENT

*At 8:54p.m., a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney  
Operations Coordinator