

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017

APPROVED _____

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members Christiana Mercer Rigby, Lilah Haxton, Melissa Hogle, and Fred Niziol were present. CA Board Representative Shari Zaret was present. Covenant Advisor Laura Parrish was also present. Residents Ilana Smbuco-Paul, Molly Fieldsend and John Fieldsend were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the agenda for August 16, 2017. The motion passed unanimously. Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2017 board meeting with the change from “community” to “Clocktower Lane” in the section requesting Children at Play signs. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

There were no residents present for Resident Speak Out.

SCHOOL BOUNDARY LINE REDISTRICTING

The Board heard concerns from residents of Macgill’s Common about proposed school redistricting. Barb urged attendees to come up with alternatives or solutions to redistricting Macgill’s Common students to schools in Owen Brown and Wilde Lake.

Shari pointed out that Kings Contrivance considers itself a community that would like to stay together while at the county level this is lost. In the past, the best results were achieved when ideas presented stress the importance of community and proximity to schools in order to facilitate greater participation in school activities.

Barb read a letter written in 2004 by the Board to Howard County School officials regarding redistricting at the time to give residents an idea of how to successfully advocate for their children.

All parties agreed to discuss writing a letter at a later Board meeting when the redistricting plan was more certain.

CA CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS

Christiana said that she would like to add updating the Macgill’s Common pool’s bathrooms to the Capital Budget Requests. After visiting the Dickinson pool for the pool party and seeing the condition of the bathroom, she realized that the Magill’s Common pool’s bathroom needs a lot of work.

Shari stated that she would like to add a request for funding for Open Space planting of native and non-invasive species in the Open Space areas. Recently, an area of Open Space was cleared of an invasive vine, but since no new plantings were put in place, the invasive vine again took over.

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

Fred mentioned that he contacted Officer Mitzel about car thefts in the village and he discovered that one street in the Hideaway had more car thefts than others. He will bring the issue up at the Hideaway’s upcoming Board meeting.

Lilah said that the county attempted to repair uneven sidewalks along Clocktower Lane with asphalt, but the repair was unsuccessful and made some areas more hazardous. Bev said that she would contact Jen Terrasa’s office to try to find a better solution.

Lilah also mentioned that donations will be collected at Harris Teeter and other grocery stores for the Grassroots Day Center food pantry on Saturday, September 9, 10am-2pm. Also, the Aging in Place tax credit is not income-based, as originally stated in the county’s information. Because an error was made when sending out the information, the county has extended the deadline to apply for the credit to September 1, 2017.

Lilah also attended a suicide prevention training (Question-Persuade-Refer) that was a great program and very powerful. The training was short but very useful. There are two more trainings in August, one for parents of adolescents and one for adolescents.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Shari stated that there are no formal meeting for the Board in August. At the last July meeting, it was reported that CA's fiscal health is good. There will be no increase in assessments for FY19 and the assessment cap will remain in place for FY19. Two capital projects are in progress: the tennis facility construction is moving forward and on budget and the pathway project for the Town Center park in Symphony Woods is being planned. Shari also said that there is a briefing paper about New Town Zoning on the Columbia Association web site that is very informative.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B84Q_1k4eE6eMnN3dIRhT0dWS1E/view

Shari is now the Board's liaison to the Watershed Advisory Committee.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Barb and Bev attended the Design Advisory Committee meeting about the development of the property at 8580 Guilford Road, the corner of Guilford Road and Eden Brook Drive, on Wednesday, August 9th. Changes to the plan were suggested by the committee members including moving the entrance to Eden Brook Drive, orienting the homes to face each other and creating a circle at the end of the community's road rather than a "T" dead end. The recommendations can be found by searching *Design Advisory Panel* on Howard County's website: HowardCountyMD.gov.

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:00 p.m., Fred made a motion and Shari seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Parrish
Covenant Advisor