

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

APPROVED _____

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Barbara Seely, Board Chair. Board members Lilah Haxton, Melissa Hogle, Christiana Mercer Rigby and Fred Niziol were present. CA Board Representative Shari Zaret was present. Village Manager Beverley Meyers and Operations Coordinator Erika Cheney were also present. Also in attendance were: PFC Casey Viou, PFC Will Harris, Grace Fielhauer, Gail Holm, Phil Norman, Terri Hansen, Kim Pruum, Resident Jeff Marquina, and Councilwoman Jen Terrasa.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the agenda for January 17, 2018. The motion passed unanimously. Lilah made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

There were no residents present.

APPOINTMENT OF CA WATERSHED ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE

Fred made a motion, seconded by Christiana, to recommend the appointment of Kings Contrivance resident Gail Holm as CA Watershed Advisory Representative for Kings Contrivance. The motion passed unanimously.

HOWARD COUNTY ISSUES

Grace Fielhauer, Special Assistant to the County Executive, attended as a member of the Constituent Services team to address questions from the KC Village Board. Attached are the questions the board submitted along with the answers provided by Ms. Fielhauer via email.

Grace recommended sending budget testimony in support of funding for Clocktower Lane repaving which is proposed for FY19.

There was lengthy discussion about deer management and tick control in our village. Information was presented by Phil Norman, Howard County Deer Project Manager. Mr. Norman gave statistics about the managed deer hunts in our area, as well as information on tracking the deer population. He spoke about tick control options – the county currently uses “4-Posters” which administer insecticide directly onto the deer and are investigating a new aerial fungus spray that only targets ticks. The board also had concerns about vultures in the village. Mr. Norman presented information from the USDA about deterring vultures.

PFC Casey Viou spoke about crime in the village and answered board members’ questions. He reported that incidents of crime dropped from 2016 to 2017; he will email Bev the exact crime statistics. Officer Viou spoke about CrimeReports.com as a way to keep track of crime in our area. He also stressed that residents contact police with any concerns; police need to know all issues so they can track patterns and learn about “hot spots.” The board questioned why there are no security cameras at the Park and Ride on Broken Land Parkway. It is a budget issue. The lot is state owned; however, any cameras will have to be bought and maintained by Howard County.

Terri Hansen, Howard County Office on Aging and Independence, highlighted the programs and facilities available to seniors and their caregivers. Attached is a sheet with details about the 2018 plan.

Updates to Huntington Park were discussed. The county is currently working with Howard Hughes, who owns the park, on renewing the license agreement for the county’s use.

DISCUSSION TO RESCIND DECISION MADE IN CLOSED MEETING OF 11/01/17

Fred made a motion, seconded by Christiana, to table discussion of Agenda item #5 until the February 7, 2018 board meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

No board members spoke out.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Shari reported that the CA Board meeting held on January 11, 2018 was a work session.

The Board approved transferring funds from Watershed Projects where funds were not needed to other Watershed Projects as requested by John McCoy, CA Watershed Manager.

The Board discussed whether to create a *new* Citizens' Environmental Advisory Committee which would work on strategic planning to prepare CA for the effects of climate change *or* to change the CA Watershed Advisory committee to the CA Sustainability Committee to encompass Watershed and Environmental issues. Shari asked for the KC Board input. The consensus was that the KC Board prefers that a new Citizen's Environmental Advisory Committee be formed separate from the Watershed Advisory Committee.

CA is having a public budget forum on January 18th at Slayton House.

Shari reported that CA now has an employee dedicated to easements.

Shari toured the new CA Tennis facility in Long Reach.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Barb read a letter from the Hammond High School Boosters requesting a donation for the Golden Bear Casino Night and Silent Auction to be held on March 16, 2018. *Fred made a motion, seconded by Christiana, to approve the donation of One Free Use of Amherst House. The motion passed unanimously.*

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 p.m. a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney
Operations Coordinator