

KINGS CONTRIVANCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Christiana Mercer Rigby, Board Vice-Chair. Board members Lilah Haxton, Melissa Hogle and Fred Nizioł 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: Maryland State Senator Guy Guzzone, Maryland State Delegate Shane Pendergrass, Maryland State Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, and Maryland State Delegate Frank Turner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

*Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the agenda for December 6, 2017. The motion passed unanimously. Fred made a motion, seconded by Lilah, to approve the appeal minutes of the November 15, 2017 Architectural Appeal Meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Fred made a motion, seconded by Melissa, to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

RESIDENT SPEAK OUT

There were no residents present.

UPDATE FROM HOWARD COUNTY LEGISLATORS

Delegate Pendergrass shared her concern about the signage in the village indicating when and where deer hunting will occur. The signs are small and hard to read and don't indicate that "Danger" or "Hunting."

Delegate Pendergrass is now the Committee Chair of the Health and Government Operations Committee. She reported that the number of Marylanders signing up for health care on the Affordable Health Care exchange is greater than at this time last year.

Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary noted that there will be no bill introduced this session regarding the Howard County School Board voting districts.

Senator Guy Guzzone is now the Majority Whip. He reported that he continues to advocate for funding for mental health issues that are often underfunded.

Senator Guzzone is a member of the multi-state Chesapeake Bay Commission and he spoke about environmental impacts of the current administration. Recently, the MD legislators lobbied congress and the EPA to restore \$73 million in cut funding for Chesapeake Bay programs. They were successful and the majority of the funding will be restored. He is also working with states to our north to decrease the pollution that flows from the Susquehanna River into the Bay. Delegate Frank Turner noted that District 13 has over a 90% voting record when voting on environmental issues. Lilah commented on Stream Bank Restoration in our village and Guy noted that the Chesapeake Bay Trust gives grants for such projects.

Delegate Frank Turner sits as Vice Chair of the Ways and Means Committee. He reported that the state hired a consultant to study how Maryland Public Schools can become the best in the country. Unfortunately, the results of the study will not be available until after the current legislative session ends. The state currently spends \$6.4 billion on education. The committee is also reviewing current Tax Credits to decide if any should be removed.

Delegate Turner is also Co-chair of the Joint Committee on Gaming Oversight, currently studying online sports betting as it is being decided by the Supreme Court whether or not to allow more states to offer sports betting.

There was discussion about crime at the commuter lots on Broken Land Parkway and the need for security cameras. The state has been hesitant to install cameras. Senator Guzzone said his office is drafting a letter. Delegate Pendergrass wants to make sure our residents know to file a police report for any crimes, as the more reports received in an area, the more patrols that will be dispatched to that area.

BOARD MEMBER SPEAK OUT

No board members spoke.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Shari reported that the CA Board has been receiving many requests for Pickleball Courts in Columbia. Before CA's next budget hearings, Shari would like to advertise in the Crown Prints and on social media to find out if village residents are interested in more Pickleball courts.

Shari shared that CA is seeking volunteers between the ages of 17 and 35 to be part of the new Millennials Work Group. This is an opportunity for younger Columbians to make their voices heard on the kinds of programs, activities and venues that should be offered in Columbia and to express their ideas about how to attract younger residents to engage with and serve the community.

Shari also discussed New Town zoning in the county and suggested that the all of the Village Boards come together to discuss zoning issues.

CHAIR'S REPORT

There was no Chair's Report; Barb was not present.

MANAGER'S REPORT

See attached.

ADJOURNMENT

*At 8:33p.m.a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Erika Cheney  
Operations Coordinator