



HCCA Board Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2014

Attendees: Paul Verchinski, JD Smith, Stu Kohn, Brian England, Jackie Sentell, Rosalyn Williams

Guests: Dr. Renee A. Foose – Superintendent HoCo Public Schools, Russ Swatek

1. Meeting started at 7:06 PM
2. Dr. Foose discussed the goals and objectives of the Howard County school system. It was suggested that we host a forum next year.
3. Russ Swatek briefed the HCCA Board re: referendum hearing in Annapolis as well as where the CA stands re: NT Zoning & Covenants. He specifically reported that the CA will have an open work session on Sept 18 regarding NT zoning. In October/November, there will be a separate work session on the covenant issue. The issue was raised as to whether we could get HCCA's NT Committee involved in the Sept 18 meeting. Brian and JD will plan to attend.
4. NT discussion – Jackie suggested highlighting what would happen if this wasn't implemented? Putting it out before that time. The Board approved a budget of \$500 for the NT committee for helping to achieve the objectives of the report.
5. The minutes of the July 14th meeting were approved with changes.
6. Redline – Stu is working on compiling e-mails of examples of situations when redlining has occurred. Jackie, Paul & Brain have forwarded examples to Stu for compilation.
7. Confirmation of the Deer Forum on Aug 7th, the School Board Forum on Sept 17th from 7PM to 9PM, and the HoCo Public Schools Forum next year.
8. Stu reported on his work on the LHIC. NAMI is sponsoring a candidates forum on mental health & we agreed to help to promote it on the listserv. Steven Snelgrove, the President of Howard County General Hospital, is interested in having the HCCA serve as a liaison group. We will dig into this further.
9. Highland Farm – Stu will forward questions from Board members in order to get back to the group regarding this issue.
10. Jacquie reviewed her observations from a meeting of the Task Force re: Conditional uses on Ag Preservation and Farm Use – The question is land utilization vs. "just using the land as a tabletop".
11. Paul reported on the Aging in Place working group. Appx. 1/3 are county employees, 1/3 are from non-profits, and 1/3 are from outside of the county. Paul feels there is no representation from the age cohorts that are being impacted.
12. Advertising for candidates on the listserv – Board agreed to stick to non-partisan civic organizations.
13. Stu mentioned the fact that the Howard County General Hospital Emergency Department was overcapacity w/gurneys in the hallway. APFO issue.
14. Jacquie reported on the status of the construction site soil erosion group.
15. The next board meeting is planned for the 17th of September.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 9:49PM.