

MINUTES  
HCCA BOARD MEETING

January 4, 2012

President Cathy Hudson convened the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Angie Beltram, Walter Carson, Brian England, Cathy Hudson, Bridget Mugane, Barbara Russell, Valerie McGuire.

Absent: Stu Kohn.

HCCA member Stephen Meskin brought to the Board's attention that the County Urgent Care Clinics list needs improvement. He asked if there is a legal requirement for a comprehensive audit of county finances and if so, should a committee be formed to monitor it. It was suggested he look into the matter.

The December Minutes were approved as amended.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Future Board meetings: February 1, March 7, April 4.

Old Business:

APFO - Brian reported he and Stu met and there is not enough interest to form a committee. It was suggested that the Board identify the general APFO matters that should be included in the General Plan, and then work for legislation later.

Comprehensive Rezoning - Cathy was authorized to follow-up with DPZ to give a status report.

Columbia Downtown - The Board is meeting with John DeWolfe of the Howard Hughes corporation.

General Plan Task Force - It extended its meetings through January 25 to look at Environmental Protection guidelines. The TF acts as a sounding board for DPZ rather than issuing its own recommendations. It is unclear if this was its role in the past.

Emergency Room Committee - An ER committee member reported to the board on a meeting with members of hospital staff members, to discuss issues related to the ER.

New Business:

Membership - an appeal for renewals will be posted on the listserv as will an invitation for HCCA members to participate in a Facebook page for informal dialogue. It was suggested that HCCA resume doing educational programs and put on other events, to increase membership.

New entities: A county Stormwater Utility Fee Advisory Committee has been appointed to consider how to comply with state and EPA mandates.

Cathy reported that the county is doing a county greenprint showing areas suitable for wildlife. Priorities can be developed for purchase of open areas and wildlife corridors. There is a need to educate landowners and to enact county legislation and inject this into the General Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Mugane  
Secretary