

**Minutes  
HCCA Board Meeting  
3/11/13**

President, Cathy Hudson convened the meeting at 7:05pm

**PRESENT:** Brian England, Stu Kohn, Paul Verchinski, Ros Williams, JD Smith, Cathy Hudson

**GUESTS:** Alan Klein, Jacquie Sentelle

**MINUTES:** Not available.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Not available.

**MEMBER SPEAK-OUT**

Alan Klein briefed the Board on the Columbia Associations plans to establish a 501(c)3 corporation to handle the fundraising and day-to-day operations of Symphony Woods. This non-profit would be funded in part by the CA; yet, as a non-profit, it would not require the same type of openness and transparency required by the Maryland Home Owners Association. This would effectively limit CA members' rights. The Board voted to testify against the creation of a non-profit to manage the day-to-day operations. JD Smith will testify on behalf of the Board at the next CA mtg.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Normandy Recap- CB6-2013**

It was noted that the HCCA's impact on this legislation was positive. In this instance the process worked well. The legislation was amended addressing concerns about the dumpster setbacks as well as regarding the requirements to rehabilitate the commercial property.

**North Laurel Update**

Moving the site for the homeless facility - This process worked well also. The concerned citizens met with Ken Ulman and he announced that the county decided to identify a new area (not the mobile home park) for the homeless shelter. Notably, the fact that citizens were informed and had done their homework in suggesting alternate sites was viewed positively.

Update re: NL Civic Association Meeting with DPZ & Housing - 30 to 40 people from North Laurel attended the meeting to address concerns.

Status of High Ridge Development – There is an upcoming meeting with DPZ to discuss traffic and environmental impact. Notably, there has been a revision to the plans for this development; however the group has not yet had access to the revisions.

**Comprehensive Rezoning**

The DPZ Technical Staff Report was released on Friday, March 8. DPZ has 2 lists, one list where they support the rezoning request and another list where they don't support the request. When the report came out on Friday, the list had been revised; however, it is very difficult to keep up with the changes. We will write to the board to request that revisions be highlighted. Additionally, it was noted that a new category is being proposed, R25. This would have the ability to receive density from other areas, thus resulting in fairly dense development. As such, this is a category we will want to track. No specific concerns have yet been highlighted by citizens.

**Nominating Committee**

This report was forwarded to the Board via e-mail.

## **PELU**

It was suggested that we continue this relationship/discussion with Jen Teresa. We need to develop stronger incentives for developers to work with the community. An example of this would be the pre-meeting that was required under the CEF legislation. We need to suggest a better process. Brian will follow-up.

## **Website**

The Board approved moving the website to a separate hosting facility in order to improve continuity of operations. The cost is projected at under \$100 annually. Ros Williams will advise as to the exact cost.

## **Storm water Utility Forum – Wed. Mar 27 at the Hawthorne Center**

This event that the HCCA is co-hosting with the League of Women Voters is coming up. It will be a great opportunity for member recruitment. Cathy Hudson will forward the HCCA brochure to the Board members.

## **Annual Meeting**

Brian England will check on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for the annual meeting. Several ideas were suggested to bring in membership. The Board will continue to review options. Past annual meetings have included panels of elected officials and DPZ leadership. Ideas suggested included: 1) Bringing in Susan Gray to speak, 2) Having members speak out on ideas of concern, 3) Having members suggest legislation they would like to propose/change and having the HCCA introduce that change, 4) Having members present their views on Howard County & their vision for it in a StoryCorp format. It was requested that the Board continue to think of options for consideration at the next meeting

## **Aging in Place Forum**

The date for this forum has been moved to September 19<sup>th</sup> which is the first date the desired speakers are available. Locations under consideration include the Miller Library and the North Laurel Senior center. The team is still looking for co-sponsors for this

## **Community Solar Bill Update**

A group of organizations have signed on to support this legislation (that we testified in favor of) via a general letter. The Board voted to sign on to the general letter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Membership**

Dues for three memberships were submitted at the meeting: Paul Verchinski and Stu & Beverly Kohn

Russ will coordinate the membership solicitation mailing and will include a stamped return envelope. A separate meeting to discuss the membership process has been set up for Wednesday, 3/13 at 10AM with Cathy, Russ and Ros.

### **Follow-up to DPZ Meeting**

Brian submitted a summary of the DPZ meeting with Marsha McLaughlin. There were a number of items noted that we should follow-up on to encourage progress, this includes: 1) The Columbia Gatekeeper issue and 2) The Redlining process. Brian will review the summary and recommend follow-ups.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 9:56PM