

HCCA Board Meeting Minutes
11/6/13

Board Members present: Brian England, Cathy Hudson, Howard Johnson, Stu Kohn, Lisa Markovitz, Jacquie Sentell, Ros Williams

Absent: JD Smith, Paul Verchinski

Guests: Terri Hill, Alan Schneider, Russ Swatek

Minutes from October were accepted after striking “as an individual” under Council Salaries.

The treasurer sent in October’s report that showed a balance of \$5,311.84. The report was accepted.

Jacquie noted that county council meetings could not be listened to at the library because the library computers didn’t have the necessary software. (Headphones can be rented from the library for \$1.) Stu will follow up with the library to ask that the required software be installed.

Membership renewal: Ros will send out a newsletter draft to the board that will include a membership renewal. A follow up mailing will be made in the beginning of the year to those who haven’t renewed online.

New Town/gatekeeper issue: JD and Brian met with Jen Terasa, Mary Kay Sigaty, Marsha McLaughlin, Kim Flowers and Bill Mackey to talk about New Town issues. One of the main issues is who will be the new gatekeeper for Columbia, especially who will enforce the covenants and how, now that HRDC is not assuming that task. This will involve a change to New Town zoning.

Brian also reported that they commented on the RFP for the Columbia Market Analysis. It isn’t clear who wrote the RFP. The contractor will be meeting with individuals and groups. The report is scheduled to be finished by April.

State legislation: There is currently no bill being sponsored by the county delegation to allow Columbia residents a way to bring up issues. There is some possibility that it could be presented in February.

Deer Spring development: Stu is setting up a meeting with school representatives and DPZ in December to discuss some of the issues in this area that affect the county including the environment.

Stu reported that he met with several individuals to discuss changes to Verona Apartments in Oakland Mills that are being proposed by the Howard County Housing Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Hudson
Secretary