

**MINUTES
HCCA BOARD MEETING**

March 7, 2012

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

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

Future board meeting: April 4.

Minutes: February minutes were approved as corrected. The November 2011 Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: More membership renewals have been received and acknowledgements of payments were sent out. Brian will contact those who have not yet renewed.

The Board will honor Angie Beltram for her years of service on behalf of county residents, with a dinner at the Shanty Grill. Angie and her husband have moved to Baltimore.

Old Business:

PELU Report - Brian, Cathy and Bridget reported on their partial review of the Taskforce recommendations; they favor having a separate development project website for residents. Bridget will request a meeting with County officials to review implementation status.

ER Committee - Stu reported that yellow alerts at Howard County General Hospital have dropped from 207 in 2009, to 12 in 2012 so far. (Yellow means divert ambulances unless is a life-threatening emergency.) Barbara is going to contact the physician who did a study last year on the HCGH, and will follow up to see how the hospital implemented her recent suggestions about patient care. The Board approved nominating Stu as HCCA's rep to the Howard County federal health law local implementation committee.

Columbia Downtown Forum - Barbara reported that a Flier article highlighted HCCA's key role in getting the original Rouse plans changed in the 1960s. Cathy will set up another HCCA board meeting with DeWolfe of Howard Hughes for April to discuss a possible HCCA educational forum to include HH and other entities.

General Plan Forum - Cathy is contacting Marsha of DPZ about a possible HCCA forum on the General Plan.

New Business

Cathy reported that HCCA does not need to act regarding HB 127, the Maryland Referendum Integrity Act, as it will likely not be reported out of committee.

President Cathy Hudson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Mugane
Secretary