

## MINUTES

### HOWARD COUNTY CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

8 MARCH 2010

PRESENT: Bridget Mugane, President; Cathy Hudson, Vice President; Stephen Meskin, Treasurer; Angie Beltram, Brian England, Acting Secretary, Barbara Russell, and, Richard Tufts (Cathy Hudson, presiding).

NOT PRESENT: Walter Carson and Joel Yesley.

A regular meeting of the Howard County Citizens' Association (HCCA) Board of Directors, was held on Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010, at the home of Brian England. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. The Board (a) appointed Cathy Hudson to serve as presiding officer pro tem; and, (b) appointed Brian England to serve as Secretary pro tem.

It was VOTED to adopt the Agenda.

It was VOTED to postpone consideration of the Minutes of the February 2 Board meeting until the April meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Angie Beltram.

It was VOTED to select a Nominating Committee consisting of Susan Scheidt, J.D. Smith, Lloyd Knowles, Marvin Lawson, Barbara Russell, and, Stephen Meskin. Meskin is to serve as liaison the Committee and is to help organize and direct its work.

The Board reviewed plans for the HCCA Reception. The event will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 between the hours of 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., at the Hawthorn Center, in Columbia.

Following a discussion, the Board VOTED to appoint Barbara Russell and Angie Beltram as a special committee to prepare a policy regarding public testimony by HCCA. They will report back to the Board with policy proposal for the Board's consideration.

It was VOTED to authorize Angie Beltram to testify on HCCA's behalf regarding Howard County Council Bill No. 6, Council Bill No. 7 and Council Bill No. 8.

It was VOTED to authorize Cathy Hudson to testify on HCCA's behalf supporting the importance of preserving the historic core of Columbia.

Barbara Russell reported on the continuing work of HCCA's Emergency Room Committee; interviews with various types of urgent care medical facilities are ongoing; and, the Committee believes the adequate public facilities standards should include adequate medical care/treatment facilities.

President Mugane reported on a meeting with Department of Planning and Zoning staffer Tom Butler. It is believed Butler wants to speed up the development application process; to pursue greater use of website development applications; and, to monitor/track the performance of the consultants used by developers, making sure that said consultants are familiar with the County's development process and procedures.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian England, Secretary pro tem