



HCCA

Howard County Citizens Association

Since 1961...

The voice of the people of Howard County

**Welcome HCCA Members and
Prospective Members
to Our
54th Anniversary**

May 13, 2015

Proposed HCCA 2015-16 Board of Directors

Officers

President – Stu Kohn

Vice-President – Jacquie Sentell

Secretary – Alan Schneider

Treasurer - J.D. Smith

Directors at Large

Brian England

Howard Johnson

Lisa Markovitz

Paul Verchinski

(One Vacancy)

Any nominations from the floor?

HCCA ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ACTIONS

**Every Accomplishment Starts
with a Decision to Try**

“One man can make a difference and every man should try”

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

Community Organization Support

➤ Consulted with, networked with, represented and testified on behalf of citizens of Howard County providing advice and support regarding their community concerns. The community organizations include:

- Albeth Community near Turf Valley (Zoning Board case)
- New Town (NT)
- Clarksville (Mortuary)
- Dayton (Mulching, Composting and Wood Processing)
- Elkridge (High Density)
- Highland (Conditional Use for a Farm)
- Maple Lawn (Massive Number of Apartments)
- Savage (Excessive Growth)
- Woodbine (Mosque)
- Oakland Mills (Affordable Housing and School Concerns)
- North Laurel (Uncontrollable Growth).

The People's Voice

- The HCCA has formed a coalition with the civic arm of this organization with the goal of serving as a joint hub of information to facilitate the dissemination of information about County issues that affect our quality of life, and to increase transparency and citizen input in government decision-making. www.peoplesvoicellc.org

Newtown Columbia

- The HCCA took action to urge officials to take steps to preserve the features of Columbia that support quality of life. Information regarding this initiative is found at howardcountyhcca.org/nt-columbia

Task Force to Study Mulching, Composting and Wood Processing

- HCCA Director appointed to serve on this Task Force.

Working and Coordinating with Communities with Independent Business Organization

- To promote the Fueling Task Force Recommendations.

Aging in Howard County

- Conducted a very successful “Aging in Place” Forum in the fall of 2013 with the League of Women Voters, the Coordinating Center, and Office of Aging. Participated in the Howard County Advisory Committee for the soon to be released Howard County 20 Year Aging Master Plan.

APFO

- Promoting the revision to and expansion of the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO). A report was provided to the County Executive. It is located at howardcountyhcca.org/apfo/.

Notifications re: Technical Staff Reports

- Worked with the Council to ensure at a minimum a two-week notification period is given to all cases whenever a Technical Staff Report is issued and applicable regardless of the venue. Thus CB6-2015 was passed by the Council.

Worked with County Executive Office

- To ensure that all listed Boards and Commissions have their minutes updated on the Howard County website.

Marylanders for Open Government Organization (MDOG)

- Became a member of the MDOG at the invitation of the League of Women Voters of Maryland. The MDOG is a partnership to increase government transparency.

Providing the opportunity for many to be heard ...

Town Hall Event

- In April, 2014 HCCA held a Citizens Speak, Officials Respond, Candidates Listen Town Hall Meeting.

Candidates Forums

- The HCCA sponsored a candidate's forum in May 2014 and partnered with the League of Women's Voters (LWV) Candidate's on their spring and fall candidates forums serving as moderators at both LWV forums.

Local Health Improvement Coalition

- Over the past several years HCCA Directors have served on This coalition. Currently represented on the Behavioral Health Work Group & Access to Care.

Referendum

- Supported and worked on the Referendum to ensure a fair and more reasonable process regarding some aspects of the Comprehensive Zoning Plan.

Preserving Snowden River Parkway

- Assisting the Independent Business Association in their efforts to ensure Snowden River Parkway remains a planned parkway

HCCA Listserv

- Through sponsorship of the HCCA listserv, we have continued to provide a venue for citizens to connect with key governmental official and parties of interest across a range of civic issues.

Giving Testimony

- Testified on many Bills, Resolutions and Conditional Uses in front of the County Council, Planning Board, Hearing Examiner, and Board of Appeals.

Communication with the Office of the County Executive

Established Quarterly Meeting with County Exec C/S

DPZ/DILP County Executive Transition Committee

➤ HCCA appointed to be a representative

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HCCA Membership

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Annual dues are \$20 for the first family member and \$10 for retirees and/or each additional family member.

Website: howardcountyhcca.org

Brief Briefing of Activities

- **The Status of New Town Columbia**
– Brian England & JD Smith
- **The People's Voice Collaborating with HCCA**
– Lisa Markovitz
- **Where Are We with the Aging Process?**
– Paul Verchinski

HCCA's Guest Speaker

The Honorable County Executive Allan Kittleman

Any ?'s