

# HCCA Board Meeting Minutes for June 2, 2015

I. Speak out- Glenn Schneider, Horizon - seeking support for CB-17-2015 "health snacks" bill.

Horizon has \$90Million in set-aside assets, and spend \$3.8 million/yr. in support of their goals. 800 people have expressed support of the bill, and 30 organizations.

County goals are focusing on affordable healthcare and weight-management of children. 25% of HoCo kids are obese, 9% of teens are being diagnosed with diabetes. Horizon has a goal of incorporating a more all-encompassing environment of healthy choices around children. Schools are focusing on wellness, as are healthcare providers, so they feel this is just adding the County to an already health-focused child environment. They see benefits for County employees as well.

They pointed out that water provision by the County does not have to be bottled. Horizon believes there are not enough healthy choices currently available, but mentioned that sugary drink sales have declined.

HCCA Questions:

Did Calvin Ball approach Horizon on this? He did, and Horizon funded the research on the statistics quoted here and obtaining information from other Counties.

Could public/private partnerships assist costs to the County? What about enforcement? The costs are estimated at \$628K/yr, \$388K in water. Once every two years the Health Dept. costs out contracting an analysis of the effects. Enforcement is up to the County but this is an understaffed area. Penalties for non-compliance are not addressed.

Do other jurisdictions with these laws require the 75/25 split? No, it varies.

Are benefits tracked and sourced? No.

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Motion to support the bill with amendments (to be discussed) failed to pass. HCCA will not support nor oppose the bill due to a tie in that regard.

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- II. JD Smith Treasurer's Report - (attached) request for details of expenses.
- III. Limit of Speak outs - Stu Kohn will manage to keep them to only one and with a time limit.
- IV. Garber Planning Board Appointment- HCCA supports the appointment, CR49. Related documents are not including all support letters. McLaughlin asked Garber to sit on Plan Revisions Committee, which Stu will mention in support testimony, including transition team professionalism of Garber. Board authorized Stu to speak at the Council's public hearing supporting Garber. Lisa Markovitz is going to testify for TPV.

V. Meeting for ECP and Plan Revisions - Brian England

Edits were suggested on maximum changes allowed and to provide consistency for defining "minor". Pre-submission meetings were discussed, and requested to be tied with degree of changes regarding additional meetings. Edited code was promised to be provided soon.

VI. Royal Farms case - Amran Pasha discussed the conditional use hearings and standing. A loophole in a 1979 policy is being used by the Court of Special Appeals to allow the station, but Chris Alleva and Amran and Brian believe it is not relevant. They are sending letters of disagreement. A planning board meeting is scheduled for 6/18. They will try to meet with Kittleman before then to halt the hearing. They are still fighting standing at the CSA. Brian will send a letter to the Planning Board with a copy to Kittleman outlining the problems.

VII. Chapelgate CEF - Zoning Board 6/3 - Stu

Albeth opposes the CEF. In the last 18 months there have been 46 drug arrests at Turf Valley. On 2/3 a dismissal request was denied even though required DAP recommendation were missing and Josh Tzucker said it wouldn't have mattered in their decision if they had been there. Required citizen comments are still missing. On 4/9 no discussion of those. Albeth will request another dismissal.

VIII. Shearer continued hearings. - DPZ violations on another property continue. The Hearing Examiner admonished DPZ for pursuing an old zoning issue and costing citizens money to defend them when they were not appropriate. The HoCo Office of Law appealed that order. Kittleman will be contacted to look into this. It was suggested that Kittleman be told of the liability risk of his Office of Law advising the County to go after citizens and cause them defense expenses when the County has overturned the violations.

IX. Paul Verchinski - Assisted Living Communities

- Vogel in communication about the continuing care issue in MD law. A loophole exists where continuing care facilities are not paying per bed on medicare, avoiding the \$24 per bed cost, (estimated at \$700K to \$1mil/yr.) Letter to legislators will be sent requesting to close this loophole. Paul will draft the letter for Stu to send.

X. Alan Schneider - Open Govt meeting - Follow-up with League of Women Voters and MD Open Govt. is on June 20<sup>th</sup> in Baltimore. MD PIA act was updated, area organizations are joining in support, including HCCA.

XI. Business Cards - Paul will look at sites to compare prices. Each person will give info to get cards for each Board member. The P.O. Box address of HCCA will be used, with each individual's phone number.

XII. Tabled approving minutes for May, Alan Schneider will email on 6/3. Stu asked the Board to comment and approve by 6/10.

Next meeting 7/15 - (subsequently changed to 7/14)

Notes: Marsha McLaughlin said that all the sketch plans for Columbia were destroyed when the George Howard Bldg was renovated. John Tegeris told Stu that Mary Kay Sigaty is having a mulching meeting with the Council on Monday 6/8 at 8:30AM. The APFO task force meetings start on Thursday, 6/4.

**ACTION ITEMS:** **Lisa** will email Jacquie the ECP and Plan Revision proposed Code changes from DPZ. **Paul** will send Stu a draft letter regarding continuing care facilities fees, and will look at business card sites. **Alan** will get the minutes of the May meeting to the Board asap. **ALL** those agreeing to send letters to the Council supporting the nomination of Susan Garber should send those now. **JD** will amend future treasury reports to include expense details. **Stu** will limit speak out to one per meeting with advanced notice and time them to a presentation time then questions. **Brian** is sending a letter to the Planning Board with a copy to Kittleman re: Royal Farms.