

Minutes of HCCA Board meeting December 1, 2015

Attendees: All HCCA Board

Guests: Chris Alleva, Susan and John Garber, Dan O'Leary

I. Old Business

- A. Membership Renewal Time: Russ Swatek discussed membership renewal data. The site is being updated to make January renewals online, to get messages. In February/March, letters will be sent reminding to renew.
- B. DPZ meeting with Val Lazdins and staff will be Dec 8. Agenda was requested ahead of time. Brian is hopeful some questions will be answered and suggests to keep reminding to obtain them. Dan O'Leary noted that points need to be concise even though there are many serious problems to address. Chris Alleva noted his desire to have DPZ more involved with developers and communities to affect compromises. Lisa Markovitz suggested a zoning regulation task force recommendation be made to Val. Stu and Chris commended Katherine Taylor's memo to the DPZ, especially with regard to Office of Law issues. Susan Garber wants to concentrate on asking Val to follow the intent of the laws, and to recognize conflicts.
- C. CEF issues - Stu discussed next Chapelgate zoning hearing to be held scheduled with the Zoning Board on 1/21/16.

II. New Business

- A. Savage Mill Development - Historic Commission declined, but allowed the developer to resubmit, the Design Advisory Panel had major concerns and basically told the developer to go back to the drawing board. The Savage community is now waiting for new plans.
- B. Howard County General Hospital Meeting – Steve Snelgrove, President of the Hospital will be responding to questions we asked at our meeting with him last month. Stu wants to send a letter to the editor regarding the Laurel Hospital closing. Stu discussed the Annapolis meeting of the Health Delegation Committee and press conference that Stu was asked by the Healthcare Union to be a speaker.
- C. HCCA testimony - Fuel Station Task Force - Rick Levitan recommendations to review proposed legislation. DPZ added amendments with significant changes from the task force recommendations that 19 groups had supported. Amran mentioned that convenience stores being allowed conflicts with FDP regulations in NT. They need to amend FDP and not just change zoning regulations. The DPZ changes allow things to be too broadly defined. Stu will testify to keep the task force recommendations.
- D. Mulching - ZRA was done by Concerned Citizens of Western Howard County. Mary Kay Sigaty expressed frustration at this choice. The concerned citizens of this Task Force which includes Stu felt it needed to be done to ensure the proper attention and information was given.

- E. MDOG - Alan Schneider noted that enforcement of Public Information Act requests is supported and they support Delegate Miller's current bill to focus more compliance on the HCPSS.
- F. DPW - Deputy Director Marc Deluca, Solid Waste Management 10 year plan is a resolution and not a bill, Chris Alleva expressed concern.
- G. Public Financing of Elections - Local bill coming, Alan will testify.
- H. Diane Wilson meeting - next one will be in January/February. Stu will check to see if this is scheduled.
- I. Retreat - JD wants to wait until new Board is elected and then look over HCCA goals and define roles of the board members, officer responsibilities and review of By-laws.
- J. Annual Meeting Plans for May - Allan Kittleman is attending. Discussion was had regarding inviting another speaker. Snelgrove will be invited.
- K. Howard County-20 Yr. Aging in Place Plan - Paul Verchinski new HCCA forum will be scheduled on a Saturday in April. There are plans for 4 panels to have the audience to "ask the experts." Looking for co-sponsors, HoCo General Hospital?
- L. Stu expressed concern about County Boards still not posting minutes and violating local bill passed last year and is working with the County Executive's staff to get this corrected.