

# HCCA Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes– November 7, 2017

**Board Attendees:** Stu Kohn, President, Alan Schneider, Secretary, Brian England, Jervis Dorton, Susan Garber, Howard Johnson, and JD Smith.

1. Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved.
2. The Minutes of the October 3, 2017 Board meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. **The Settlement of Savage Mill.** The Planning Board hearing continues on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Extensive documentation of compelling issues continues. Issues include of Historic Area preservation, Environmental protection of the Patuxent River from stormwater runoff, Erosion and sediment control, Removal of protective forestland, Recognition of designation of this area as a Targeted Ecological Area by the Department of Natural Resources, Recognized endangered species in this area, Ownership of the proposed land swap, the lack of transparency regarding any benefits to the community and to Howard County, and Howard County's land use criteria. Land use development at **Oak Hill Manor** was also discussed. **Development on Church Road** above Ellicott City was also discussed.
4. **Chapelgate.** Discussion included questions regarding the validity of the CRF zone, and compliance with the criteria. Procedures continue to be a problem. The decision was delivered late which raised questions about the time for appeal. Misinterpretation of procedures continues to be a problem. Communities continue to be disadvantaged. A Community Advocate would be helpful.
5. **The Film: Preserving the Vision of New Town Columbia—the last 50 years and the next 50 years.** Plans for the next showings were discussed. High approval ratings continue to be received. YouTube views are very high. Film will be shown on Dec. 7 at Vantage House. Arrangements are being made for additional showings.
6. **Report on the Meeting with Chinese American Parent Association.** HCCA was warmly welcomed on October 29. HCCA's presentation on the need for Comprehensive Planning was well received as informative and helpful.
7. **HCCA Testimony** on upcoming Howard County Council and Planning Board meetings, was discussed and would be further reviewed by Board members before testimony. Howard Johnson will testify on CB80.
8. **Clarion Group to Present a Draft of its Planned Report on November 28.** Will the study by the consulting group adequately address issues raised by citizens? Jervis Dorton discussed the importance of factors which appear to be missing.
9. **HCCA Candidate Forum.** HCCA has sponsored candidate forums in previous elections. Sponsorship is one way to inform voters of important issues and candidate responses.
10. **Upcoming Meetings with Department of Planning and Zoning.** Past meetings with DPZ have been helpful and informative. Communication of community issues is important. The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

The next meeting is December 6.