

HCCA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

1/8/13

President Cathy Hudson convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Present: All directors: Walter Carson (part), Brian England, Cathy Hudson, Stu Kohn, Bridget Mugane, J.D. Smith, Paul Verchinski, Ros Williams.
Guests: Tom Laufer, William McCormack, John Schnackenberg, Kathryn Schatz, Jacquie Sentell.

Next Meetings: 1st Wednesday of each month: 2/6, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1.

The Minutes were approved as amended. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

Reports

PELU HCCA Committee (Public Engagement in Land Use) - A meeting is being scheduled with county officials to review its recommendations on presubmission meetings.

Columbia - DPZ may form a workgroup to review New Town (outside Downtown) zoning and its gatekeeper for new developments. It was felt that meetings of government workgroups should be open to the public.

December County Council bills - President Cathy Hudson reported as follows:

CB-36 (CEFs) - Tabled; HCCA worked hard on this bill. There is an issue as to its legality under the Charter.

CB-41 Housing Allocation Chart - Passed with some safeguards on how many pending approved projects can be permitted in any one county region, to ensure infrastructure is adequate including schools. (Note: APFO currently allows projects to go forward if a school is over capacity for the next three years.) Unlike Charts several years ago, no build-out is planned (development is envisioned to continue indefinitely); it was pointed out that if this concept is unacceptable, the public should intervene. The next annual Chart will be up for Council approval or amendment this June. Cathy will prepare an analysis on the Chart, for the board.

Growth Tiers bill - Passed by Council, vetoed by the County Executive who felt it did not adequately protect rural conservation in the west. The bill had

eliminated Transfer of Density Rights from farms to the growth area in the east. HCCA has taken no position on this. State law requires that each county designate specific development areas.

Homeless Shelter - Proposed by County Housing Department to replace a trailer park in N. Laurel. Stu reported that 120 N. Laurel residents met with the County Executive about transparency in the process, including notice to residents. Jacquie Sentell said they will work with the County to find a more suitable site.

Comprehensive Zoning - Cathy reported that there is a link on DPZ's website page by which one can see a map of the location of applications to rezone properties. Hearings not yet scheduled. It was suggested that HCCA could group the applications by region so listserv readers could see if they want to find the link.

Forums

Aging in Place - Forum Coordinator Paul Verchinski reported that planning is underway. It was agreed that June is a good time for the forum, to include a slate of speakers and possible co-sponsorships.

Stormwater Management - HCCA has been invited to co-sponsor a forum on the proposed county stormwater fee for which the Council is required by the state, to enact enabling legislation; the board voted to accept the invitation. Brian England, who chairs a CA Stormwater Subcommittee, will publicize an upcoming forum on stormwater management, via HCCA's listserv.

Comprehensive Zoning - Cathy will see if a forum can be held at the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Columbia Association - William McCormack gave a presentation concerning the rights of home owners in CA's governance structure. This will be updated, for Board consideration prior to the next meeting.

HCCA Nominating Committee - Bridget will chair the Committee being formed now to develop a slate of nominees for officers and at-large board members for election at the May annual meeting. Terms are one year. HCCA members may self-nominate at any time and nominations are accepted from the floor at the meeting.

Grow HCCA - Ways in which HCCA can recruit, and raise its profile were suggested by the group. Stu will post a notice of an informal coffee/lunch meeting for interested people to continue the discussion; HCCA members are

encouraged to attend. It was agreed that the next board agenda, and HCCA testimony from the past month will be posted on the listserve, to improve communication.

Public Information - Concern was expressed concerning a change in recent years in government policy on allowing citizens to review government records. HCCA will pursue this issue.

The president adjourned the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bridget Mugane
Secretary