

HCCA Board Minutes for Sept 5, 2018

Present at Meeting: Stu Kohn, Brian England, Lisa Markovitz, Paul Verchinski, Howard Johnson, Jervis Dorton, Susan Garber, Hiruy Hadgu--- Guest: Chris Alleva

Stu Kohn welcomed our new Board Member Hiruy Hagdu.

Howard Johnson requested the President send out Membership notices about the first week of October for 2019 membership. **Action – Stu**

1. **Settlement at Savage** – Susan Garber

A petition requesting that Patuxent River Commission be allowed to comment on development issues affecting the Patuxent River were sent to the Maryland DNR and NPS. 485 people thus far have signed the petition.

2. **NT and 50th Anniversary Movie** – Brian England

An update was given on two NT Committee meetings held in July. Stu Kohn The Columbia at 50 movie might be shown on Oct 6th 2018 at The Maryland Historical Society in Baltimore at 10 am. **Action item: Brian to send report to board**

3. **Member Speak Out** – Chris Alleva

It was reported the County is leasing space in the Lakeview Building. It could be considered a conflict of interest as the County is reviewing plans to build the buildings parking lot.

4. **Meeting with County Executive** – Stu Kohn

Reported he met with County Executive Kittleman and DPZ with Dan O’Leary and Ted Mariani from the Greater Highland Crossroads Association and Concerned Citizens of Howard County respectively to discuss concerns related to the Planned Service Area expansion on Rt 108 for the Erickson proposal. In addition, discussion occurred as to whether the Council should have even been allowed to vote on the PSA expansion under 16.211 because the vote was after the Primary. The impact of the “whereas” clause was also discussed. We are very disappointed in the Office of Law decision in the aforementioned issues.

5. **New Court House** -- Susan Garber

Concerns about spending \$459 million on a court house were expressed. Also, the relocation of many displaced HC Departments.

6. **Ellicott City Flood Mitigation** -- Lisa Markovitz

Support for the Plan was discussed and there was a difference of opinion so it was agreed that the board should not take a position to testify on 17 September at the next Public Legislative Hearing. It will be up to individuals Board members to testify if they choose.

7. **Metroplex BWI Roundtable** -- Paul Verchinski

The last meeting was held and the Roundtable agreed to concentrate their efforts on MAA. They will have quarterly meetings.

8. **Charging Stations** -- Paul Verchinski

Paul described the new panel he is on -- Additional Advocates and Consumer Panel.

New Business

1. **50 Plus Center** -- Paul Verchinski

The proposed location next to the East Library over Oakland Mill was discussed. It was noted that Diane Wilson, Chief of Staff for the County Executive told Paul the owner of the Oakland Mills Shopping Center is in negotiation to sell the property therefore negating the 50 Plus Center for consideration in this location.

2. **Candidates Forum** -- Stu Kohn

There will be a Community Candidates Forum at St Marks on Hall Shop Road on Thursday September 13th at 7 pm. The participants will be County Executive, County Council District 4 and 5 races. HCCA is partnering with the Greater Highland Crossroads Association and the Concerned Citizens of Western Howard County.

3. **Candidates Forum** -- Susan Garber

There will be a County Executive Candidates Forum on Oct 13th in Savage at 10:30, details to be announced later.

4. **CB 68** -- Chris Alleva

A suggested motion to oppose CB 68 was suggested. Later Brian England stated the motion and Jervis Dorton seconded. It was approved 8-0.

5. **Bills for HCCA Testimony were Discussed for Potential Assignment** -- Stu Kohn

CB67 – Susan Garber will testify

CB68 – Brian England – (later found out this Bill was withdrawn)

CB69 – Stu Kohn will testify

CB70 – Hiruy Hagdu will testify

CB71 – Stu Kohn will testify