

**Howard County Citizens Association
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the HCCA Board
November 7, 2018
7 PM**

Location of Meeting:

BA Auto Care
9577 Berger Rd
Columbia, Maryland 21046

Present at Meeting: Board Member. Stu Kohn, Lisa Markovitz, Hiruy Hadgu, JD Smith, Paul Verchinski, Howard Johnson, Jervis Dorton, Susan Garber.

Press Ricardo Whitaker Guilford Gazette

Member Lanny Hartman

Absent from Meeting: Alan Schneider

The regular meeting of the HCCA Board of Howard County Citizens Association was called to order at 7:05 PM on November 7, 2018 at BA Auto Care by Stu Kohn.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Treasure's Report
 - a. JD Smith
 - b. JD had mailed the board the report. The budget and year end date were discussed. JD is to send the last budget to the board.
2. Membership
 - a. Howard Johnson
 - b. Discussed various aspects of how people pay and when due should be paid a renewed.
3. Outcome Of Election
 - a. All
 - b. Stu reported that he wrote to Calvin Ball and congratulated him on behalf of the HCCA. There was then some general discussion on the election.

4. CB73
 - a. Stu Kohn
 - b. Stu reported that the bill had been withdrawn. The Board was very pleased with the outcome but still concerned that it was introduced in the first place.

5. CB 76
 - a. Stu Kohn
 - b. Stu reported that this bill had passed. The board was pleased with this result. Member Lanny Hartman said it was a very progressive bill and likely to be used as a model throughout the US. Stu thanked Paul for testifying on behalf of the Board.

IV. IV. Consideration of New Business

1. By Laws
 - a. Stu Kohn
 - b. It was decided to wait on this item.

2. Budget And Film
 - a. JD Smith
 - b. JD is sending the board a copy of the last budget.
Brian reported that promotion of the movie was on hold until the NT committee articulates a position on the NT Code Rewrite.

3. Facebook And Listserv Policy
 - a. Stu Kohn
 - b. Stu said that no further actions are required at this time.

4. Meeting Reminders
 - a. Board
 - b. Route 1
North Laurel Nov 14th
Elkridge Nov 15th
Milk producers property
Nov 13th
MD Planning
Nov 15th
HC Delegation
Nov 26th George Howard Building

5. Charging Stations
 - a. Paul Verchinski
 - b. Motion
The HC Delegation support upgrading the MD Building Code (See CB 76 2018)

2nd Stu
Passed unambiguously

6. Environment
 - a. Susan Garber
 - b. Susan reported on a new MD tool that calculates the “Environmental Value” of land in \$ per acre.
Susan was congratulated by the board for winning the “Golden Cutter Activist” presented by the Patapsco River Keepers Association.
7. Columbia Downtown
 - a. Jervis Dorton
 - b. At Stu’s suggestion Jervis will review the guidelines for downtown Columbia. Jervis suggested that he would meet with Brian to seek his input.
8. Coalition With Other Groups
 - a. Hiruy Hadgu
 - b. Hiruy will assemble a list of organizations that he feels share common goals. He will pass this along to the board ASAP. Lisa suggested having a Townhall of Civic organizations.
Ricardo said he would help.
A motion was proposed by Stu to form an ad hoc committee. Lisa 2nd passed unanimously.
9. Lunch With Groups
 - a. Stu Kohn
 - b. Stu suggested that the board go to lunch with other groups to get input on how to work together on common issues. The board agreed.
10. Elected Officials
 - a. Stu Kohn
 - b. Stu is trying to find the answer as to why certain positions are filled by partisan election.

V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on December 12, 2018 at:
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The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

- Budget
- Action items
- Partnerships

- Paul and Lanny to testify at delegation meeting
- Stu introduction to book
- JD to share last budget
- Jervis report on downtown

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM by Stu Kohn.

Minutes submitted by: Brian England

Minutes approved by: